

Old Dartmouth



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Journal of Capt Benjamin Clocagh
Master of Bark General Scott

Private Journal of B. Clough Master of the Jan Scott

Tuesday Sept 4th 1855

Light winds from the N^o E at Ten o'clock
in the morning went on board the ship
and got under way; at half past eleven
o'clock discharged over Board of Pettyhunk
At 4 P.M. Gay Head out of sight from
the deck. The crew all green and seasoned.
The Bark Isabella and Tona came out in
company with us

Wednesday Sept 5th

Fresh Easterly winds steering S S E by
compass under topsails Employed at
setting the Boats

Lat 33.32 S. Long 69.20

Thursday Sept 6th

First part strong Easterly winds steering S E
under single reefed topsails. Later part light
Easterly winds steering by the wind to the S S E
saw a Fore and aft schooner

Lat 31.06 S. Long 67.50 W

Friday Sept. 7th

Moderate winds from the E S E steering
by the wind to the Southeast with
the Mountpelgulland sail out

Lat 25.33 S. Long 67.22 W

Saturday Sept 8th

First part light winds from the E S E
steering by the wind to the Southeast
middle part calm. Later part light
winds from the Northeast steering
East Lat 24.28 S. Long 67.00 W

Private Journal of B. C. C. C.

Sunday Sept 9th

Light winds from the West steering East
at ten o'clock in the forenoon saw Blackfish
and lowered the boats for them but could
not get on

Lat 34° 16' N Long 153° 30' W

Monday Sept 10th

Light winds from the west steering East
took our potatoes out from between decks
and packed them over & found but very
few rotten ones. Also put up a
hundred gallon cask of Amers in vinegar

Lat 34° 31' N Long 154° 00' W

Tuesday Sept 11

Light winds from the N.W. steering E by S
under all sail. Sailed for Blackfish without
success Lat 34° 34' N Long 154° 42'

Wednesday Sept 12

Very light westerly winds and calm
steering E by S under all sail

Lat 34° 36' N Long 154° 04' W

Thursday Sept 13

Calm & light southerly winds steering
E Lat 34° 38' N Long 154° 20' W

Friday Sept 14

Light southerly winds steering E under all
sail saw a sail steering to the eastward

Lat 35° 10' N Long 154° 50' W

Rural Journal of Benjamin Clough

Saturday Sept 15 1855

Commenced with light winds from the
southeast steering E by S. about dark it came
up squally with both wind and rain and
continued the whole twenty-four hours
Made my boat sail and lost it
Lat 34.50 N Long 55.54 W

Sunday Sept 16

Strong winds from the S.S.W. with frequent
squalls of wind & rain steering E by S by compass
Saw a barge steering to the Eastward
Lat 35.06 N Long 53.00 W

Monday Sept 17

Strong winds from the S.S.W. steering E by
South by compass under all sail
Lat 35.10 N Long 49.45 W

Tuesday Sept 18

Moderate winds from the S.W. steering E.S.E.
with all sail out
Lat 34.58 North Long 46.30 W

Wednesday Sept 19

Strong breeze from the S.W. steering S.E.
by compass under topsails saw a Gunner
Lat 34.00 North Long 44.30

Thursday Sept 20

Strong breeze from the S.W. steering
S.E. by compass under topsails
Saw a sail steering to the N.W.
Lat 33.06 Long

Master of Barque General Scott of Thurston

Friday Sept 21 1855
Light winds from the S.W. steering S.E.
at six o'clock in the morning saw large
ship steering to the N.E.
at three in the afternoon a Sternwreck
lay stern to the N.W.
at 4 P.M. a heavy swell came up
from the N.W. at dark nearly
calm with a heavy swell from
the N.W.

Lat 31.55 N Long 38.50 West

Saturday Sept 22
Light winds from the S.E. steering by
the wind to the Eastward, saw three
sails steering to the westward
Lat 31.58 N Long 38.04 West

Sunday Sept 23
Light winds from the S.E. to S. steering
by the wind to the Eastward
passed through a great many tide marks
Lat 32.36 N Long 35.30 West

Monday Sept 24
Light winds from South to East steering
by the wind to the Eastward until
seven o'clock this morning when we tacked
to the S.W. at 4 P.M. she came up to light
Lat 32.34 N Long 35.11 West

Tuesday Sept 25
Commenced with light winds from the S.E.
steering by the wind to the southward in the
morning it hauled to the E.N.E. Course S by E.
by compass saw eight sails steering to the Eastward
Lat 34.10 N Long 34.30 West

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Wednesday Sept 26th 1855

commenced with fresh breeze from the E. N. E.
but in the later part of the night it hauled
to the Eastward Course S by E by compass
saw one sail steering to the Westward
Lat 28 56 N Long 98 30 W

Thursday Sept 27

Moderate N. E. trades steering S by E with
all sail out saw one sail steering to
the West

Lat 26:51 N Long 98 00 W

Friday Sept 28

Fresh Easterly winds steering South by
compass under all sail
Saw five sails steering to the N. W.
Lat 24:28 N Long 91 25 W

Saturday Sept 29

strong N. E. trades (from the East) steering South
saw three sails steering to the N. W.
Saw Blackfish and lowered the boats for
them but did not get fast I shot two
with my gun but they sank.
Lat 21:59 Long 90 46 W

Sunday Sept 30

Strong Easterly winds steering South with
the main top gallant sail out, At Eight o'clock
this morning saw whale, spout and
go down I ran the ship down to them
but did not see them again
Shoved signals with an English bark
steering to the Northward
Lat 19:28 N Long 90 08 W

of Barque Gen Scott of Fairhaven.

Monday Oct 1st 1855

Strong Easterly winds steering South by
Compass with the main topgallant set out
this afternoon some sail from the South
Sat 12:40 A Long 29 45 W

Tuesday Oct 2^d

Strong winds from the E N E steering
South by compass saw two sails
steering to the North West Employed
at gutting the Fore and Main rigging
Sat 13:55 A Long 29 00 W

Wednesday Oct 3

Strong winds from the East steering South
by compass with all sails set
set up the Foretopmast rigging
Picked over our potatoes and found about
one foot of them in the middle all
rotten but the top and bottom very
sound Sat 11:10 A Long 28 00 West

Thursday Oct 4

Commenced with a strong Easterly wind at dusk
it commenced lightning to the southward.
at midnight had a squall from the
S E with heavy thunder and lightning
and rain, & it rained all of the
forenoon as hard as ever it does it
and we filled up fifty bbls of water
raining all of the afternoon with light winds
from all parts of the compass
under short sail to 6h

Private Journal of Benja. Clough

Friday Oct 5th 1853

Very light wind from all parts of the compass and calm with frequent squalls of rain

Lat 9:22 Ark Long 27 30 W

Saturday Oct 6

Light variable winds and calm with frequent squalls from the southward; Trying to work the ship to the Southward. Shewet signals with an English Bark bound to the A.C.

Lat 9:10 Ark Long 27 10 W

Sunday Oct 7

Commenced with a calm. At ten o'clock last night a light breeze sprang up from the Northward and continued all day. The ship ground ahead about one mile an hour. Lat 8:50 Ark Long 26:25 W

Monday Oct 8

Commenced with light winds from the Northward steering South. From noon until dusk nearly calm with light squalls & rain.

Caught a shore bird about the size of a Sparrow.

Lat 8:05 Ark Long 25 10 W

Tuesday Oct 9

Commenced with very light Northerly air steering South. Saw a sail steering to the North. At four o'clock in the afternoon saw Blackfish lowered the Starboard boat and caught one and took him on board. Set up the Main & Main topmast stays.

Lat 7:42 Ark Long 24 50 W

Master of Bangue Jan South of Gloucester.

Wednesday Oct 10th 1855
Commenced with light winds from the
S.W. Middle and later part heavy squalls
of wind rain, with a last crop seen
on at dark the wind shifted suddenly
to the N.E. in a squall soon
Set 6:00 drift S.W. 24:30 Oct.

Thursday Oct 11
Commenced with a N.E. wind but soon
shifted to the Southeast and continued
until dark when we had a squall
from the Eastward steering by the
wind to the E.S.E. until eight o'clock
this morning when we backed to the
N.W. Saw a seal steering to the
Northward Set 6:10 or S.W. 24:12 Oct.

Friday Oct. 12
Very light variable wind steering by the
wind and I by east by compass
Saw Blackfish and chased them about
four hours without success. 2 sails in
sight Set 5:50 or S.W.

Saturday Oct 13
Very light variable winds with squalls
of rain from all quarters, wind mostly
from the southeast, Making the ship
to the southward all I can
saw Blackfish going to the Northward
very quick only saw them one
time Saw a water spout the
first we have seen since we have
been out
Set 5:35.

Private Journal of Benjamin Blewett Master

Sunday October 14th 1855

Commenced with light winds from the South steering by the wind to the E. S. E. At four o'clock in the afternoon had a squall from the East which continued untill dusk steering South by West by compass. Saw quite a number of Alcega and caught ten; Saw two sails steering to the Northward and one to steering to the Southward so Ends

Lat 5° 18 North Long 23° 00 West

Monday October 15

All of these 24 hours very light winds from the E. S. E. not enough to move the Ship much. Saw a bark steering to the Northward and another steering to the Southward. Saw a Pinback and some Grampases

Lat 5° 10 N Long 22° 55 W

Tuesday October 16

Light winds from the S. E. to South steering by the wind and S. S. W. with all sail. Some light squalls of rain from the S. W. Saw Barge steering to the Southward

Lat 4° 20 N Long 22° 50 W

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Wednesday October 17

Moderate winds from the Southward steering by the wind to the W. S. W. with all sail out. Employed at taring the rigging

Lat 3° 23 North Long 24° 43 W

Thursday Oct 18

Moderate winds from the Southward steering by the wind to the W. S. W. with all sail out. Very poor winds to get to the Southward

Lat 2° 18 North Long 26° 20 West

of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Friday October 19 1855
Commences with moderate winds from the
southward steering by the wind to the
N. S. W. with all sail cut

Lat 1:07 North Long 28:40 W

Saturday Oct 20
Light winds from the S by E steering by the
wind to the S. W. by W under all sail
At nine o'clock this morning crossed the Equator
in the long of thirty degrees West
Broke out eleven pipes of brandy from below
decks and coopered it; found it rather stink
Saw a sail steering to the N. E.
Lat 00:08 S Long 30:08 West

Sunday October 21
Light winds from the S. S. E and S E by S
steering by the wind to the S. W. by S.
with all sail cut, at nine o'clock last
night saw a Brig steering to the North
at eight o'clock this morning saw a ship
steering North at noon saw a Brig steering
west run for then 75 minutes but saw nothing
more Lat 1:31 S Long 31:08 W

Monday Oct 22
Strong breeze from the S E steering by the
wind to the S. S. W with all sail cut
Finished stowing the rigging, saw a Brig
steering to the Northward
Made a fog for the Blacksmith
Lat 3:36 S Long 31:30 W

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Mough Martin

Tuesday Oct 23^d 1853-

Strong S.E. trades steering by the wind to the S.S.W. with the Main top gallant sail out saw a ship steering to the S.S.W.

Lat 6:12 S Long 92 20 West

Wednesday Oct 24th

Strong trade from the S.E. steering by the wind to the S.W. with the Main top gallant sail out; in the morning had some quite heavy squalls from the S.E.

Picked another wooden cask of Opium which makes us three casks and two barrels

Saw Duck ship steering by the wind to the E.N.E. showed her colors red white and red

Lat 8:41 S Long 93 20 W

Thursday Oct 25

Strong wind from the S.E. by S steering by the wind to the S.W. by S under topsails saw brig steering to the N.E.

Lat 10:48 S Long 94 20 W

Friday Oct 26

Strong wind from the S.E. steering by the wind to the S.S.W. caught our Main top gallant sail over the yard and split a cloth sent it down and put in a new cloth and sent it again. Sent up the Main stener gaff. Got the blacksmith to work at the large

Had some heavy squalls from the S.E. this morning with heavy swell

Lat 11:20 S Long 95 20

of Bark Gen Scott of Newhere.

Saturday Oct 27th

Light winds from the S & steering by the
wind to the S.S.W. with all sail out
Middle stretched the main spence and lost
it Lat 15:35 S Long 35 00 W

Sunday Oct 28

Light winds from the S & to E by South
steering by the wind to the Southeast with
all sail out saw two sails steering to the
N.W. Lat 18:09 S Long 35 25 W

 Monday October 29

Strong winds from the E & S steering
S by E at seven o'clock in the morning
saw Sperm Whales one mile off astern
of the ship going to windward very
quick so that we only saw one rising
although I sent the ship to windward
until noon I suppose the ship must
have gone over them when they were
down as she was going very quick.
Saw two sails steering to the N.W.
At dark saw white water and
the fish and I collected it a finback
Lat 20 00 South Long 35 30 W


Tuesday Oct 30

Fresh winds from the N & steering S & E
with all sail out Saw two sails
steering by the wind to the Eastward
Parted our barboard fly jib guy and
put out a new one
Lat 22 44 Long 34 10 W

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Wednesday Oct 31st 1855

Fresh N.E. winds steering S.S.E. with main
topgallant bent out quite a heavy sea in
Lat 25:27 S Long 32:25 W

 Thursday November 1

Moderate winds from the N.E. steering S.S.E.
At half past six this morning, saw *Sperm*
Muclo ahead, two miles off; before we could
get to the wind, and traced up, they
were nearly up to the ship; I got the
boat in the water as quick as possible
and got nearly in to one, but they
had seen the ship and got clear off
the boat and went off to windward
to the N.E. the whale must have been
coming very quick towards the ship
as they came two miles in about ten
minutes Lat 27 00 S Long 31 30 West

Friday November 2

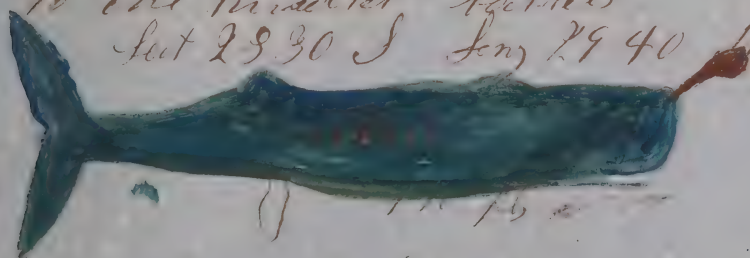
Commenced with light northerly winds
steering S.S.E. in the afternoon it hauled
to the West and at four o'clock to the
Southwest with rain and fog
Lat 28:15 S Long 31 00 W

of Capt General Scott of Sturbeoven

Saturday November 3th 1853

Commenced with light southerly winds, steering
by the wind to the Eastward a light
breeze in the morning saw a large
Sperm whale to windward 2 miles off
after we had got the run of the whale
lowered the boats which was about nine
o'clock the whale was going about S.W.
and about half a mile under water
We paddled up until we got after
the whale we then worked along easy
and at twelve o'clock the mate went on
and got an Iron in but it came
out in about a minute I was close
to him and went on and struck
before he got away in going up
to get lost again the mate got stone
I fired a bomb lance at the whale
but I do not think it went off as
I heard no report, I went up and killed
before he had spent more than three
after I shot him he went down all
dead away we had to tow him to the
shot got him along side about five
o'clock in the afternoon and commenced
cutting but did not do much before
dark so I put on an Extra fluke
chain and let him lay for the night
I think the whale will make from eighty
to one hundred barrels

Set 2330 I Long 2940 W



Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Sunday December 4th 1851

Sight winds and calm at daybreak. Commenced cutting at noon got the head off at two o'clock got the body in at five P.M. got the trunk in and let the crew lay until morning. Saved the tail it was eightier feet long. S. End, Lat 28 30 S Long 29 35 West

Monday December 5

Sight winds from the N. E. at six o'clock this morning, hove our case up and hoisted it, & at noon started the tryworks and kept the ship off E by S under short sail, saw a large clipper ship with Main skysail out steering by the wind to the N. E.

Lat 28 42 S Long 29 11 West

Tuesday December 6

Sight winds from the N. W. to south steering to the S. E. under short sail Employed at Boiling

Lat 28 44 S Long

Wednesday December 7

First part wind to the Southeast with fine weather. Latter fine weather steering to the Southeast with easy sail and this morning spoke the Barque Minerva clean. Two Merchant men in sight

Lat 28 35 S Long 27 00 W

of Bark Jon Scott of Faerhaven

Thursday November 8th 1855
Light winds from the S.E. to S.S.E. steering
by the wind to the Eastward at noon finished
tugging out Saw a sulphur bottom going quick to
the N.W.

Lat 28 14 N Long 28 00 West

Friday November 9
Very light variable winds and calm steved our
oil 107 Barrels and left about three barrels
on deck Lat 28 10 S Long 25 55 W

Saturday November 10th
First part calm later part Light winds from
the N.W. steering S.S.E. with all sail set
Carpenter employed at mending the foremast
boat Lat 28 48 South Long 25 50

Sunday November 11
Light winds from the N.W. steering S.S.E.
at four o'clock in the afternoon the wind
hauled to the Southeast. Saw three
sails steering to the S.E.
Lat 30 48 S Long 23 00

Monday November 12
First part light winds from the Southeast
steering by the wind to the Eastward
later part winds N.W. steering S.E. by S
Saw a ship steering to the S.E.
Lat 31 05 S Long 22 00 W

Private Journal of Benjamin George Foster

Tuesday November 13th 1855

Commenced with a light A.M. wind steering
S.E. at noon blowing strong took in the
topgallant sails at four o'clock in the
afternoon took in all sail but a close reefed
main topsail forebelay sail and main spanker
blowing hard with heavy swell

Lat 32:54 S Long 13:50 W Bar 29.70

Wednesday November 14th

Commenced with a strong A.M. gale with
signs of rain at six o'clock this morning
the wind heaved to the Westward at
eleven this forenoon were ship to the
S.E. and made a double reefed main topsail
and fore sail Emb blowing yet strong

Lat 33:23 S Long 18 20 W Bar still 29.70

Thursday November 15

Fresh wind and heavy swell from the
S.W. steering S.E. by S by compass
first part under short sail later part
all sail out Saw two sails steering
to the S.E. by E

Lat 34 35 South Long 16:35 W

Friday November 16

Light winds from the Westward with a
very heavy swell steering S.E. by S
with all sail out saw quite a number
of Embarks some brt &c

Lat 35 00 Long 14 35 W

At sunset the wind heaved to the
S.E. by S and I heaved to the
S.W. by S

of Bark Gon Scott of Fair Haven

Saturday November 17th 1855-

Very light variable winds and calm steering
S. by S. saw a plenty of Pomlocks birds
whale feed, started our cutting forward at 11
I put out a new Fly job gey

Put some new balls in the starboard
Stomachs to catch speck shuns to

Lat 36:05 S Long 14:10 W

Sunday November 18th

Slight winds from West. to at. W. and calm
steering S. E. by S at daylight saw Inaccessible
Island bearing South At ten o'clock saw
Purton Is. & Macanuk to the S. E. by S
At dark Purton ten miles off to the S. E. by S
Set the ship came to the west with
the head gear which saw two sails
down to the land, nothing in sight excepting
birds Found the Ship Sixty miles East of
the Channel the long being 13 10 when it should
have been 12.11 17 Lat 31:00 S

Monday November 19

Took Drags from the Northwest leg by last
night this morning kept of and ran to
the seaward of the Island and sent in
the starboard and Bow boats a fishing at
noon they came of and the Starboard and
Must look went in fishing caught about
Eight barrels of Fish Got out see a
whale of any kind around the Island
saw two sails to windward going

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master of

Tuesday November 20th 1855

Light winds from the S.W. to south
steering East East by S S E. S. E. at sunrise
went south saw two seals ahead and
one astern cleaned our fish and salted
five barrels and kept about two lb. to
eat fresh. After getting four sets of
altitude I find that the ship is about
40 miles to the East of the chronometer
and shall give her a run.

Lat 36 40 South Long 11:00 East

Wednesday November 21

Strong southerly winds steering by the wind
at day light double reefed the top sails
saw two ships in the night

Lat 36.28 Long 8 00 W

Thursday November 22

Light winds from the S S E to S. S. W.
steering E. S. E. and by the aneroid at six
this morning saw a Right whale going
quick to the Westward - at four P.M.
spoke the ship Barclay of New Bedford
16 months out 600 of whale oil and
90 of sperm

Lat 38 09 South Long 7:24 West

Friday November 23

Strong winds from the N. S. W. steering S. E. by E
At 12 o'clock last night spoke the Helen Augusta
of Holmes Hole 18 months out 500 of sperm
600 of whale oil going to cruise two
months and then start for St Helena
and home

Lat 36:02 South Long 5:15 West

Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Saturday November 24th
Strong winds from the Westward steering
S.E. we run through quite a number
of patches of Finbacks & Humpbacks
At three o'clock in the afternoon saw
a Right whale going very quick to the
Westward, Blue water and few birds
at sunset wind W.N.W.

Lat 36:41 S Long 2:55 West

Sunday November 25th
Strong winds from the W.N.W. to S.W.
steering S.E. until daylight when we spoke
the Bark Rattle of New London 9 miles
the last month got them on Sat 38 10 South
Long 1:30 East reports the Marguerite Scott in
sight two whales,

At ten A.M. saw Right whale lowered
the three foreboard boats without success
At noon saw another lowered the starboard
boat and struck and he ran out of
sight to windward say about 19 miles
without touching him with specks or lance
cut the line off and came on board
at 6 P.M. lowered the Beré and went
back the waist boat got on from through
the thin part of the whales flukes and
it tore out

Lat 37 10 S Long 1:20 West

Private Journal of Benja. Cleugh Master

Monday November 26

Strong wind from the N.W. lay under double reef last night—made more sail this morning at 1 P.M. lowered for a Right Whale the vessel went on and ran over the whale between his splittings decked at him under water but did not reach him. — The whale came up along side of the boat after the guns were overboard but settled before he could get them in. Saw two more in the afternoon (going lower) and galled. So onob
Saw three sails

Lat 37:14 S Long 115:00 West

Tuesday November 27

Strong wind from the N.W. lowered several times without success. Saw three Merchant ships steering to the E.S.E.

Lat 37:08 S Long 115 West


Wednesday November 28

Strong wind from the Northward ship under short sail. Later part running ship under double reef, Almontes sail and fore sail saw two whaling barge at 6h

Thursday November 29

Strong N.W. wind ship under double reef. Saw Merchantmen steering to the E. by 10 at 2 P.M. saw two whale and lowered for them I galled very shy
Lat 37:14 South Long 115

of Bay. Gen Scott of Perakona

Friday November 30th 1855 
Strong winds from the N.W. at eight o'clock
this morning saw a Right Whale and lowered
the Starboard and waist boats at
Eleven o'clock. Struck the Starboard
boat and killed, at two P.M. took
him to the ship at five commenced
cutting at nine finished
Lat 37° 00' South

Saturday December 1st
First part strong breeze & fog later part
light winds and fog and rain
Whale to young to commence cutting
saw one sail
Lat 37° 00' South

Sunday December 2nd
Commenced with strong winds from the
N.W. with rain ship under short
sail - at daylight increased to a gale
At noon the wind died away some
& saw two Right whales going to the northward
At four P.M. wind fresh to the N.W. & it
and blow on at dark blowing a gale
Lat 37° 02' S

Monday December 3rd
Commenced with a S.W. gale at daylight
the wind died away and made sail
At 1 P.M. saw a Right whale and
lowered the Starboard and Port boats
and galley Lat 35° 35' S Long 11° 10' West

Private Journal of Benjamin Stought Master

Tuesday December 4th 1853

Very light winds from the S.W. steering by
the wind of different tracks, saw four Humpbacks
going quick to the West & two porpoises

very little swell and water very smooth

Lat 37:01 S Long 10:53 West

Wednesday December 5

Calm and very light southerly winds at daylight
started the tryworks at three o'clock in the
afternoon saw two Right whales feeding
saw the Starboard boat for them chased
them until sight and then fired a bomb
since intel one it went in over the after
part of his shoulder blade fast to high up
to kill him dead and it got to be
dark and he went off but I think he
must die soon.

Lat 37:01 S Long 11:20 West

Thursday December 5

Fresh wind from the Northwest freshened
boiling at daylight spoke the
the Ship Margaret Scott Six months

Lat 37:01 Long 11:30 West

Friday December 7

Strong breeze from the N.W. and thick weather
saw a bark last night and kept her off
to the S.E. this morning and I ordered
to keep her a going until I get to the
Cape unless I see a plenty of whales
before

of Mark General Scott of Starbuck.

Saturday December 8th

Strong S.W. winds steering E. by S by
compass saw a flock of Brat
Lat 38:20 S Long 9:30 East

Sunday December 9

Very light winds from the S.S.E. steering
by the wind to the Eastward. quite a
heavy swell from the S.W. Saw a large
number of Otterbuss more than I ever
remember of seeing unless cutting in a
whale. Saw a carcass

Lat 37:30 South Long 05:00 East

Monday December 10

Light winds from the S.S.E. to S.S.W. steering
by the wind and E.S.E. steered clear over
at 45 fms

Lat 37:20 S Long 7:00 East

Tuesday December 11th

Moderate winds from South to S.W. steering
S.E. by compass the points variable.
All sail out water very blue and very
few birds

Lat 37:30 S Long 9:00 East

Wednesday December 12

Light winds from the S.W. steering S.E. by
compass. Saw one sulphur-bellied with a very
small fin on his back and more than
three inches high

Lat 35:40 S Long 12:20 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Wright

Thursday December 13th 1863

Strong wind from the S.W. starting S.E.
by compass to make our East course
At seven o'clock this morning got into
green water with a plenty of feed
and rain in it all day but saw nothing
Lat 38 30 Long 15 00 East

Friday December 14th

Commenced with strong winds from the
S.W. starting S.E. by compass
at noon it came on to blow suddenly
and we double reefed the topsails
At sunset more moderate.

Lat 38:20 S Long 17:50 East

Saturday December 15

Commenced with strong S.W. wind starting
S.E. by compass. Middle and late part calm
Lat 38:50 S Long 19 00 East

Saturday December 15

First part calm. At midnight a light breeze
sprang up from the N.E. starting S.E. by
compass. Ends with the same about a
three knot breeze

Lat 39:00 S Long 19:45 East

Sunday December 17

Light winds from the N.E. starting S.E. at ten o'clock.
Last night my second mado died with the fever
he has been sick about a fortnight. At eight o'clock
this morning buried him.

Saw a sail starting by the wind to the
Eastward

Lat 40:00 S Long 22:20 East

Master of Bark Gen Scott of Fairhaven

Tuesday December 18th

Commenced with moderate westerly winds strong
with all sail out middle and later part strong
S.W. winds ship under double reef—green water

Lat 40:30 S Long 26 45 East

Wednesday December 19



First part strong S.W. winds middle part calm.
later part strong northerly winds strong S.E. by
compass at eleven o'clock in the forenoon
saw two Right whales leeward and struck
to the Starboard boat put a bomb corner
into him but it did not explode
at five o'clock in the afternoon took the whale
to the ship got ready for cutting and
set the watch

Lat 40:44 S Long 28:30 East

Thursday December 20

Commenced with strong northerly winds in
the morning it heaved to the Westward
with rain at noon I went ship to get
my whale to leeward & took in one lip
and it was so rough that I gave up
cutting and went ship again
at about a very heavy sea running from the
Westward. Plenty of whale food

Lat 40:35 S Long 28:13 East

Friday December 21

A strong gale from the westward, laying
by our whale so rough to cut tremendous
sea running

Saw a clipper Barque steering to the
Eastward

Lat 40:45 S Long 28:30 East

Private Journal of Benja. Shepley Master

Saturday December 22nd 1855

A strong N.W. wind with a heavy swell from the westward at five o'clock this morning commenced cutting our whale we cut a hole in the throat and got our first tagged with and old cutting ball in when the piece tore off we then got a chain around the head and a chain strap in the other end and here on both when the strap tore out and the chain slipped off and we lost the head we then took the rib that we had fast to the throat and ore tip in to a square hole aft and put a hook into the blubber and got the body almost in when our rope parted and away went the throat at one o'clock in the afternoon got the dead in at three started work again blowing heavy throat made got his first heart
Lat 40° 48' S Long 28° 39' E

Sunday December 23rd

A strong gale from N.W. to west with very heavy squalls, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon we had to cool the works down. A dark blowing heavy from the west
Lat 40° 53' S Long 28° 50' East

Monday December 24th

A strong westerly gale at daylight I kept her off under a close reef at Namtapauc in the afternoon took my blubber and put it into casks. Saw a bark steering to the Eastward, Green water and whale feed
Lat 41° 09' S Long 29° 12' East

of Brigadier General Scott of New Haven.

Tuesday December 25

Commenced with strong winds from W. S. W. steering S. E. by compass under a close reefed main topsail and foresail at daylight more moderate and we set double reefed topsails at noon the wind hauled to the W. N. W. and blew on a gale took in the fore topsail at sunset blowing heavy with squalls of rain. Lat 41 41 S Long 32:30 East

Wednesday December 26

Commenced with a heavy westerly gale at ten o'clock last night the wind died away some and hauled to the southward at sunset quite moderate ship with whole topsails out steering S. E. by compass

started the tryworks this morning and at four o'clock this afternoon finished trying out our blubber

Lat 41:43 S Long 34:42 East

Thursday December 27

Commenced with strong S. W. winds at twelve o'clock last night it died away and hauled to the W. N. W. and blew up strong in the morning in the afternoon rising at dark blowing strong from the W. N. W. with fog and rain. Whole main topsail and double reefed fore topsail and foresail at four o'clock in the afternoon saw quite a large spot of brim

Lat 42 07 S Long 37 00 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Cleugh Master

Friday December 28th 1853

Moderate winds from the S.W. to West steering
S.E. by S by compass under old sail
Hauled down our oil. 51. lbs to day
Lat 43 00 S Long 41 00 East

Saturday December 29th

Commenced with light westerly winds steering
S.E. by S in the morning it came up
foggy and in the afternoon rain, with strong
breezes, At six P.M. the wind hauled to the
S.W. Lat 43 50 S Long 43 00 East

Sunday December 30th

Strong winds from West to S.W. steering S.E. by
S untill noon when I kept her S.E. by E
being as far south as I wish to go at present.
Saw quite a number of Fur seals both S
in the afternoon at six P.M. we heard a heavy
squall from the west and doubled reefed the
topsails. Lat 44 35 S Long 46 00 East

Monday December 31

Strong westerly winds at the commencement
Milder but strong westerly winds steering
S.E. untill noon when I huffed to the wind
on the eastern tack Saw an English Barge
steering S.E. by E a merchantman at dark
Hearing a heavy gale from the Westward which
under a close reef, I maintained
Lat 44 55 S Long 49 30 East

of Brigadier General Scott of Portland

Tuesday January 1st 1858

Strong gale from N.W. to N.E. Sailing under short sail waiting for good weather as we are on the Crozett whaling ground very thick water

Lat 44:41 S Long 50 10 East

Wednesday January 2nd

Strong wind from the Westward began too until daylight when we made double reefed topsails heading to the N.E. at seven o'clock in the morning were ship to the southeast at eleven left her off S.E. for Desolation

Saw a flock of Brt in the morning
Lat 44:18 S Long 51 00 East

Thursday January 3

Commenced with moderate wind from the southeast in the morning nearly calm but soon sprung up from the N.E. at dark strong N.E. wind ship under two reef topsails

Lat 44:40 S Long 53 30 East

Friday January 4

Commenced with strong N.E. wind and light increasing until daylight when it was blowing very heavy with rain shot under a close reefed main-topmast with high sea running - at eleven o'clock in the forenoon the wind headed suddenly to the N.W. at 4 P.M. left her off S.E. by S by compass under two reefed main-topmast and pursued blowing strong from the N.W. N.

Lat 45:20 S Long 55 00 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Cheagh Master

Saturday January 5th 1865

A strong westerly gale steering S E by S
under a double reefed main topsail and
fore sail

Lat 46:41 S Long 58:41 East

Sunday January 6

A strong westerly gale steering S. E. by S.
under double reefed topsails. Water very
little green in the afternoon

Lat 47 95 Long 62 00 East

Monday January 7

A strong westerly wind steering S. E.
under two reefs

Lat 48:19 S Long 66:20 East

Tuesday January 8

A strong gale from the westward at eleven
o'clock last night came too under short sail
at three this morning & put her off S E at seven
saw the second small Islands to the west
of Ascension At ten Blight Pass south one mile
dist at eleven o'clock came to the anchor
beating O. E. blowing strong with fog and
rain at dark about the same

Ship under a close reefed main topsail and
fore staysail

Wednesday January 9

A westerly gale backing under short sail
heaving to the O. W. until seven o'clock
when I went ship to the South

Lat 48 03 Long 69 30 East

Water 40 Air 42 Bar 44

Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$

of Quincy General Scott of Fairhaven

Thursday January 10

Moderate winds from the N.W. with in the forenoon and fog in the afternoon clear with heavy squalls steady in to the land and ran down along shore saw a flock of Humpbacks saw a flock of snow on the land in the interior but none near the shore

Friday January 11



Commenced with strong westerly winds laying under short sail until daylight when we made sail steering N.E. E.C.E. & E by N until noon when we saw quite a number of Right Whales at one o'clock lowered the foremast & Bowed back the low boat went on and galled and the foremast went on to another and farther, it being rather rough and the whale could bear it was some time before we got him dead I killed him with a bomb lance at seven P.M. took him to the ship Bar 30

Lat 48° 08' S Long 70 20 East

Saturday January 12

Moderate winds from the N.W. with fog at one o'clock this morning cut off all haws and commenced cutting our whale at ten finished

Ends with strong westerly winds and thick fog

Bar 29 $\frac{4}{10}$

Sunday January 13th

Commenced with a westerly gale with rain at three o'clock this morning the wind hauled to the N.W. and cleared up but blowing strong at dark weather a little better Bar 29 $\frac{5}{10}$ No Males

Lat 48° 07' Long 70 42 To far East

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Monday January 14th 1855

Commenced with strong wind from the West at
three o'clock this morning it hauled to the N.E. by
and blew on at noon under a three reefed chain
sheet and other storm sails. Saw a large number
of Right whale at ten o'clock at six leagues the three
lastward boats for the fastenest to the nearest
boat and drew the Stern, & came on board to
rough to whale. When we towed the boats
I should think there were twenty whales within
half a mile of the ship

Lat 48° 02' S Long by account 70° 30' East
At sunset blowing and running from the
Northwest with thick fog Bar 29.9

Tuesday January 15

at gale of wind from the westward. Laying
under storm sails, saw quite a number of
whales in a space of half a mile in
the water at eleven o'clock in the forenoon

Lat 48° 00' S Long 70° 25'
At 6 P.M. Bar 29.7 & falling wind N.W.

Wednesday January 16

First part moderate wind from the N.W.
with thick fog later part a gale from the
N.E. saw no whales ship twenty miles
to far East

Lat 48° 08' S Long 70° 45' E

Thursday January 17

at gale from the westward saw whales but
to rough to lower, saw a seal

Lat 48° 00' Long 70° 34'

of the Barge General Scott of Thurston.

Friday January 18

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Moderate wind from the West to NW.
Saw quite a number of Pintails & Henshaws
in the Fens. at noon saw dead whale
a good one took him along side and
cut him in. I then marked S & CATH
I suppose ship Catherine of N. S. Wales.

Thick and rainy all of the afternoon
Bar falling at nine o'clock in the evening
29 $\frac{5}{10}$

Saturday January 19

A strong westerly gale at seven o'clock this
morning kept the ship of E. by S by compass
for the Straights of Sumner under two reef,
mainmast and Fore Mastmast stay sail. I started
the tryworks

Lat 48 00 S Long 71 30 East

Sunday January 20

Commenced with a strong westerly gale steering
East under double reef, mainmast at midnight
it blew on so strong and she shaked so
much water that I let her come to the wind
at eight or in more deadlocks and I kept her off
again at sunset moderate westerly wind

Barling Lat 47 05

Monday January 21st

Quite moderate wind from W to NW steering East
by compass At sunset finished boiling

Lat 46 00 Long 77 00 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Tuesday January 22^d 1855

Strong winds from the N.W. making
an E & S course under two reefs &
courses Lat 45° 08' S Long 81° 14' East

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Wednesday January 23

Light winds from the west steering East
by compass. Expected some of our oil to
get ready to stow down tomorrow

Lat 44° 32' S Long 83° 50' East

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Thursday January 24

Moderate westerly winds steering E by N by compass
at daylight called all hands to stow down
at six P.M. finished 115 lbs on the Starboard
side of the chain hatch

Lat 43° 46' S Long 87° 00' East

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Friday January 25

Light winds from the westward steering E & N
by compass with all sail out. Fine
pleasant weather saw a few Finbacks

Lat 42° 07' S Long 89° 30' East

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Saturday January 26

Light S.W. winds steering E & N by compass
with all sail out. Employed at washing
Ship Lat 40° 41' S Long 91° 51' East

S

Sunday January 27

First part light winds from the S.W. Later part
fresh from the N.W. steering E & N by compass
saw quite a number of finbacks

Lat 38° 00' S Long 93° 30' East

of Bourque General & south of Sturbridge.

Monday January 28th 1838

Light winds from the westward with fog and rain steering N^W & with all sail cut

Lat 37.36 S Long 96.00 East

Tuesday January 29th

Light winds from the west to S^E steering N^W by E with all sail cut

Set the Fore topmast and lower studding sails for the first time. Pickled over onions we have got about ten barrels left

Lat 36 32 S Long 96 55 East

Wednesday January 30

Light winds from North to S. W. steering N^W by E with fog and rain

Lat 35 55 S Long 97 30

Thursday January 31

Moderate winds from the S. W. steering N^W by E with all sail cut; at four o'clock in the afternoon the wind hauled to the southeast with fog squalls and wind

Mended the jib & Fly jib and middle sticks

them Lat 34.23 S Long 98.51 East

Friday February 1st

Light winds from the South to N^W steering N^W by E with all sail cut. Saw a Brig steering to the S. E. Middle stick & the Spanker and Gaff tacked

Lat 32 25 S Long 100.14 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Saturday February 2th 1856

Fresh breeze from the N.E. W. starting N.E. with all sail out, Saw a sail steering to the S.E. Repaired the Foretopgallant and middle stiched the mainstay and Bundles were ten bundles having six before
Broke out for Breval

Lat 31° 00' S Long 101.30 East

Sunday February 3

Commenced with strong wind from the N.W. but at daylight it hauld to the S.W. and at noon to the southeast steering N.E. with all sail out; we suppose that we have got the S.E. trades

Lat 28.33 S Long 102.30 East

Monday February 4

Strong S.E. trades steering N.E. with all sail out until daylight when we took in topgallant, at four o'clock in the afternoon put two reefs in the Topsails - The long month's rest has done some good and I do not expect to hear from there in six or seven more

Lat 25.45 S Long 105.20 East

Tuesday February 5

Strong S.E. trades steering N.E. under two reefs and courses until ten o'clock in the forenoon when we made whole topsails very rough for the trades

Lat 23.26 S Long 107.00 East

of Barque General Scott of Newbury

Wednesday February 6th 1835
Sight went from the S.W. to E.S.E. steering
O.E. by O at with all sail out - Departed the
Harbour

Lat 21:16 S Long 108 East.

Thursday February 7
Commenced with strong S.W. winds
Steering O.E. by O at three o'clock in
the morning had a squall from the
South and the wind kept increasing
at eight o'clock in the morning the wind
South East under two reefs at ten took
in the courses, at eleven took in all
sail but a close reef; maintained
and made stowage and came to the
wind blowing heavy and looking
very wild at dark the same
Set by O at 19:30 Long 108 10 E. Bar 29 $\frac{6}{10}$

Friday February 8
Commenced with a gale from the S.E.
at daylight parted the ship that the
schooner was hooked to at the after end
of the Bow Boat and got her bottom
stove at eleven O at kept the ship O
O.E. the wind hauling to the south
at dark wind S.W. steering O.E. by O at
under two reefs; maintained and Departed
Bar 29 $\frac{6}{10}$ Lat 19 03 Long 108 36

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough

Saturday February 9th 1856

Strong wind from West to N.W. starting
A.P. & by W under her reef topsails at eight
o'clock in the morning set the gill Sails
at nine o'clock. Sailed at dark under a
close reef Main topsail and main spencer
According to S.M. At four P.M. saw at dark
starting to the S.W. under close reef
topsails and courses and I suppose
they must have had very strong
weather. Struck and got a large Porpoise
or cowfish

Lat 15:30 S Long 110 05 East

Sunday February 10th

Light wind from the W or W. steering N.E.
at eleven o'clock in the forenoon saw
the large whales furthest to the Starboard
But waited so long for the boat to get
fast to the loose whale that the whale
got so cunning that we did not get close
at him. I put three Bomb lances into
him at dark and from him secured
4 Skins & about one shot of line and
3 Drugs. At 10 Lat 15:00 S Long 111:15

Monday Feb 11

Light S.W. wind. Employed the day
until five P.M. in looking for the
whale we cut from last night
but saw nothing & then kept
her off her course N.E.

Lat 15:05 S Long 111:00 East

Master of *Bargua* General Scott of Fairhaven

Tuesday February 12th 1856
Sight land from N.E. to South steering
N.E. by E with all sail set; -
Discovered the Foreland and heard the
Harborer's residence the Bone Boat
Sat 19:09 S Long Long 112:30 East

Wednesday February 13
Strong S.W. wind steering E by S at 9 A.M.
took in the studding sails and topgallant sails
at 2 P.M. put two reefs in the topsails
at 3 P.M. took in the Foreland
at dark blowing strong from the west
Sat 12:30 Long 115 00 East

Thursday February 14
Strong wind from West to N.W. with
heavy squalls of wind and rain
steering E by N until eleven o'clock at
night when I let the ship come to the
wind until morning At daylight I
hoisted her of E by S under two reefed topsails
and courses
Sat 11:24 S Long

Friday February 15
Strong wind from the N.W. to west
steering E by S under two reefs until
Eight o'clock in the forenoon when
we made whole topsails and made the
last sail very rainy last night with
thunder and lightning at four P.M. saw
the S.W. part of Simsbury Island to
the N.E. at dark the center of the Island
bearing North steering East down the coast
Sat 10 00 Long 112 20 East

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Saturday February 9th 1856

Strong wind from West to N.W. starting
P.M. by W under her reef topsails at eight
o'clock in the morning set the gill Schanzen
at nine o'clock. Sailed at dark under a
close reef Mainbrace and main spencer
hoisting S.M. — At four P.M. saw a bark
starting to the S.W. under close reef
topsails and courses and I suppose
they must have had very strong
weather. Struck and got a large Porpoise
or cowfish

Lat 15:50 S Long 110 05 East

Sunday February 10th

Light wind from the W or N starting N.E.
at eleven o'clock in the forenoon saw
the large whales fastened to the Starboard
best water so long for the best to get
fast to the loose whale that the whale
got so cunning that we did not get along
at him. I put three Bomb lances into
him at dark cut from him leaving
4 fms & about one shot of line and
I Drags. At 15:00 S Long 111:15

Monday Feb 11

Light S.W. wind. Employed the day
until five P.M. in looking for the
whale we cut from last night
but saw nothing & then kept
her off her course N.E.

Lat 15:05 S Long 111:00 East

Master of *Barger* General South of Fairhaven

Tuesday February 12th 1856
Left Fairhaven from N.E. to South steering
N.E. by E with all sail set;—
Discovered the Fairhaven and about the
Fairhaven measuring the Bore Boat
Lat 43:09 S Long 112:30 East

Wednesday February 13
Strong S.W. wind steering E by S at 9 A.M.
took in the studding sails and topgallant sails
at 2 P.M. put two reefs in the topsails
at 3 P.M. took in the Foretopmast
at dark blowing strong from the west
Lat 12:30 Long 115 00 East

Thursday February 14
Strong wind from West to N.W. with
heavy squalls of wind and rain
steering E by N until eleven o'clock at
night when I let the ship come to the
wind until morning At daylight I
left her of E.N.E. under two reefed topsails
and courses
Lat 11:24 S Long

Friday February 15
Strong wind from the N.W. to west
steering E.N.E. under two reefs until
Eight o'clock in the forenoon when
we made whole topsails and mounted
topmast very rainy last night with
thunder and lightning at two P.M. saw
the N.W. part of Sanderfoot Island to
the N.E. at dark the center of the Island
bearing North steering East down the coast
Lat 10 30 Long 112 00 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Blanch Master

Saturday February 16th

Strong S.W. wind steering E by S
at midnight passed the East end of
Signalwood Island at dark saw
Plows to the Northward steering E by S
with a strong breeze right aft
Lat 9:48 Long 121:30



Sunday February 17

Commenced with strong westerly wind steering
E by S down the straits of Timor
at noon ran into a calm between
Umboi & Timor. Ebb with calm and
light winds saw a great many
Blackfish and Porpoises in the calm
Lat 8:30 Long 124:00 East

Monday February 18

Light variable winds through the night work
ing through the Umboi passage in the
morning the wind came from the Northward
and N.W. with quite heavy squalls
and continued so through the day at
dark wind N. by E. which heading out
of the passage to the Northward
I found the ship near 60 miles to the
East of the Chro

Lat 8:15 S Long 125:20 East

Tuesday February 19

Light winds from the N.W. steering
by the wind to the N by E
Passed the Island of Horden & Melly
Lat 7:16 S Long 126:00 East

of Barge General S.

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Wednesday February 20
Light winds from N.W. to N.E. steering
by the wind to the Northward we only lost
one squall (at seven o'clock at 11)
saw quite a body of Fur. Seals together
look them to be Sherm Whales until we get
near them. Saw the Island General Office
to the West.

Lat 6:10 S Long 126:26 East

Thursday February 21
Light winds from N.W. to N.E. steering
by the wind to the Northward
at low water in the forenoon lost a heavy
squall from the West of it the main
topmast went it down and replaced it
Spoke the Seapoint of Perry 90 days from
San Francisco bound to Hongkong
Lat 5:00 S Long 126:15

Friday February 22
Light winds from the West to N.W. working to the
N.E. to get around the West end of Beaulieu
at dark the weather and bearing dark
one sail in sight to the Northward
Lat 4:00 S Long 126:17

Saturday February 23
Light winds from the N.W. heading the
the ship to unobscure to get around the
West end of Beaulieu at dark the N.W.
End bearing N.E. fifteen miles distant
be found about eight miles East and
I think we shall have a land breeze to
sight and get round
two seals in sight
Lat 3:23 S Long 126 East

Prindle Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Saturday February 24th 1855

Light winds from the Northward working up to the Northward to get around Bourne at sunset the Northward end of the Island bearing S. E. at 4 P.M. the vessel hauled to the southward and I left her at 8.
A boat came on board from the Ship
Lancaster 97 days from Liverpool bound to Amherst Lat 2:55 S Long 125 45
I find the Ship 45 miles to the East of the Chronometer

Sat

Sunday February 25th

Very light variable winds starting at 8 by 8 the middle of Bourne south ten miles dist Hulo Bessy to the N. W. W.
two sails in sight

Lat 2:40' S Long 126 30 East

Tuesday February 26th

Fresh winds from the N.W. starting at 8 by at daylight saw the Island of Gomone to the North ten miles dist about Ob Mayer ten in the Forenoon saw Lockhony and at 4 P.M. saw Philo Gasser in the afternoon winds light and variable with calms
Spoke the Coroner of Bombay 60 days from Bombay bound to Hongkong the Schooner and Lancaster in sight

Wednesday February 27

Light northerly winds backing up the channel between Lockhony & Philo Gasser against a strong current
I landed on Philo Gasser and shot a few Pidgeons saw nothing except a few birds the tide rising up amongst the trees at high water leaving no beach the Island is very thickly &

of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven
cutted some of the trees being nearly six
feet in diameter, and a hundred feet in
length clear of limbs a good piece being
off and on to get wood I saw no
fresh water nor any signs of inhabitants

Lat 14° 5' Long 128° 16' East

Thursday Feb 28

Very light winds from the Northward working
up towards Fairway rock, Pauls quays, Leaking
Oly Major Demore, Kekik, down and quite
a number of other Islands in sight
at dark Fairway rock bearing N by E
4 miles distant

Lat 14° 13' S Long 128° 20' East

Friday February 29

Light northerly winds and calm working to
the Northward and Eastward Saw the Bee Islands
to the S. E. Pauls Quoy to the South and
Gillies to the N. W. saw a seal to
the S. E.

Lat 30 miles South Long 128° 35' East

Saturday March 1

First part moderate winds from the
N. W. steering by the wind to the N. E.
at daylight clear to the Sea and of Gaby
later part light winds and calm,
with a strong current drifting us down
towards Gaby, one sail in sight
to the South Lat 60 10 Long 129° 30'

Sunday March 2

Light northerly winds, heaving up the
East side of Gaby saw one sail to the
southeast at Six P. M. caught a Blackfish
saw a plenty Lat 60 00 Long 129° 30'

Private Journal of Benjamin. Blood. Master

Monday March 3rd 1858

Very light northerly winds and calm
working to the northwest between Gaby
& Soggy at dark the north end of
Soggy bearing N E Six miles distant
two sails in sight the Leopard & Courser.
Set 00 17 North Long 129 30

Tuesday March 4

First part calm at three o'clock in the
morning got drifted in so near to Soggy
that we had to tow off at six feet
a squall of wind and rain from the
S.W. which lasted until about noon
in the afternoon very light wind from
the west which lasted until four P.M.
when it failed to the northeast
steering N E and by the wind; three
sails in sight

Set 35 miles North Long 136 10

Wednesday March 5

Light winds from the N E & N.W. &
working to the eastward, five sails in
sight at dark Beards Island in sight
bearing south about 6 miles distant low
and covered with trees with an store of
Somes I should the thick and a reef of
a few ships length

Set 57 miles North Long 130 30

Thursday March 6

Light winds from the N E steering by
sails working up towards the Beards Islands
at seven o'clock saw the Great Menor to the S. E.
at noon saw the three Isles to the N E
Set 00 50 N Long 131 00 East

of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Friday March 7th 1855

Light winds from E to ENE at 4 o'clock
went on steer at the Abia Islands
Caught ten turtles and came off
at 4 P.M. Saw a large canoe some way
from the S.W. and heard voices of
Aba Ginea. I suppose came to smoke
turtles. I suppose

Set 1:00 clock Log 131 17 East

Saturday March 8

very squally of rain with thunder
and lightning from S.E. to, NE in the
night steering by the wind and ENE
in the afternoon light winds from N. NE
and ends the same

Set 1:05 O' Log 131 45

Sunday March 9

Fresh westerly winds steering E by N with
all sail out

Set 1:13 O' Log 133 40 East

Monday March 10

First part fresh winds from the West
steering east. Later part light NW winds
Passed a light last night I suppose
a wheelmen laying to

Set 1:40 O' Log 135 35

Tuesday March 11

Light variable winds steering East
Spoke the Bark W. Northrop 30 of N. &
40 of Sperm & Bark Cleve 50 of Sperm.
Set 1:55 O' Log 136 30

Private Journal of Benj^r Blough Master

Wednesday March 12th 1856
light wind from the Westward steering
E by N with all sail set
Lat 1:49 N Long 137 28 East

Thursday March 13th
light wind from the West steering East
with all sail set broke out the after
hold and cooped some bread and tallow
got out a keg of butter & Cheese Horns &
Lat 1:54 N Long 137 23 East

Friday March 14th
light variable wind and calm steering
East at dark wind N, N.E. and looks
rather squally around
Lat 2:04 N Long 140 00 East

Saturday March 15th
Very light wind and steering by the wind
to the S.E. & East
Lat 1:55 N Long 140 23 East

Sunday March 16th
Nearly calm the whole 24 hours
Lat 1:52 N Long 140 24 East

Monday March 17th
light winds from the N.E. to South steering
by the wind and East at 4 PM saw sperm
whales five miles off lowered 9 boats for them.
Got to them at the sun half an hour high
got one to the Starboard and one to
the Starboard boat at Eleven o'clock at night
took them to the Ship
Lat 1:48 N Long 141 00 East

of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Tuesday March 18 1856

Light variable winds at six o'clock this morn-
ing commenced cutting. Were recently commenced
cutting one whale and caught the other
At sunset started the trawlers

Lat 2:05 CP Long 140 00 East

Wednesday March 19

First part winds variable with heavy rain
squalls so that we had to cut down
the trawlers later part light N.W. by
winds steering East saw several large
schools of fish as we have far several
days past something like a Mackerel
also saw one haddock and Greenfish

Lat 2:10 CP Long 140 35

Thursday March 20

Light winds from the N.E. steering by
the wind to the East. At daylight finished
boiling At ten A.M. saw a school of
Spinn Whales Cows & Calves and toward
the South before we got to them perforce
got amongst them and galled them
we chased them all day but did not
get near them

Lat 2:17 Long 141:32

Friday March 21

Very light N.E. winds and calms steering
by the wind and coast nothing in sight

Lat 2:18 CP Long 141 35

Private Journal of Benj. Meade Master

Saturday March 22

Light wind from E. N. E. steering by the wind to the S. E. at noon looked to the north; at five P.M. saw a breach about but so far off that we did not get near enough to see what it was before dark.

Lat 43° 30' Long 142° 00' East

Sunday March 23

Fresh breeze from the Eastward with heavy squalls and quite rough steering by the wind to the Northward.

Lat by clock 9:00 P.M. Long 141° 30'

Monday March 24

Heavy squalls of wind and rain from the East with a very strong westerly current ship heading N. E. and making a N. W. W. course.

Lat 4:00 Long 141° 20' East

Tuesday March 25

Light variable winds with heavy squalls of rain trying to get to the Northward or Eastward.

Lat 4:03 P.M. Long 141° 20' East

Wednesday March 26

Light E. S. E. wind and calm steering by the wind to the N. E. at ten o'clock in the forenoon saw sperm whales and

Leaved the boat the whales three miles off to windward the Bow Boat went up to them and gathered and I took one of them head & heart as they came to windward and got at 4 P.M. took him to the ship at 6 got him cut in

of Barb. Gent. Scott & Fairhewer.

Thursday March 27th 1858
Light winds from the E by N steering by
the wind to the N by E under topsails
At eight o'clock this morning started the
trawlers

Lat 4:52 North Long 141:33 East

Friday March 28th
Strong winds from the E. N. E. steering by
wind to the North at seven o'clock this
morning finished hauling

Lat 6:10 N Long 141:13

Saturday March 29th
Strong winds from the E. N. E. steering by
the wind to the North under topsails
Quite rough. Stowed down 30 bl on the
Starboard side of the main hatch secured
filling it out to the hatchway
Lat 8:00 N Long 140:48 East

Sunday March 30
Strong winds from the E. N. E. steering by the
wind to the North under topsails
Lat 9:50 N Long 141:00 East

Monday March 31st

Strong winds from the Eastward at sunrise saw a large sperm
whale and at eight o'clock lowered the boat but saw him
no more but saw small whales breaching to another
came on board and got dinner at two P.M. lowered
for the school at 4 P.M. the Starboard boat fastened
and got turned over the starboard fastened
to another and and fastened the line where
the two lines were spliced together but in
hauling the end caught the Starboard
boat line in the dross

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough

henceing the middle of the line in the boat and
the whale swimming before I got the line clear
I went to cut but I pulled ahead and got
fast again and killed the whale the crew
Boat lowered another and he went all shooting
blood, picked up all of the things belonging
to the barquent and took her on board
she not being stern at dark took the whale
to the ship, parted from him and went
to send three boats to tow him along side
when the barquent boat came along side the
after trawler got hooked into the gurneal of
the boat and turned her over and lost
everything out of her compass, gun, &c
also a globe lantern. That I sent 1 in the
boat to get fast to the whale with
also lost the lamp out of the cabin globe
lantern holding it over the side

Lat 11:30 N Long 140:27

Tuesday April 1st

Moderate wind from the E. & S. & steering
by the wind to the Northward long by
the whale last night and set him this
morning

Lat 11:44 North Long 140:27

Wednesday April 2

Strong wind from E. & S. E. to N. E. steering by
the wind to the Northward at daylight
started the trawls

Lat 13:22 N Long 139:40 East

Master of Bark Gont Scott of Newhaven

Thursday April 3^d 1846
Strong E.S.E. winds starting by the wind
to the Northward under topsails, At seven
o'clock this morning ~~standing~~ heaving
Lat 14:50 N Long 139 58

Friday April 4th
Strong Easterly winds steering by the
wind to the N.W. with all sail cut
Lat 16 59 N Long 139 44

Saturday April 5th
Light winds from the East to southward
steering by the wind to the Eastward
Spoke the Males Ship Northern light 30 days
from Honolulu 200 of Males the Speedwell
in company Stowed down 50 bb of oil

Sunday April 6th
Light winds from the southward steering East
Lat 19 19 Long 142 30

Monday April 7th
Light winds from South to S.W. steering
by the wind and S.S.E. with all sail
cut broke out for Mainetop sail & topgallont sail
Lat 19 25 Long 143 30

Tuesday April 8th
Light winds from the Southward steering by
the wind to the East untill noon when I
kept her north as it seems impossibl. to get
to Guam nearly calm all the afternoon
Lat 19:24 N Long 144 00 East
Bent a new Mainetop sail.

Private Journal of Benjamin Silliman (Master)

Wednesday April 9th 1856

Light variable wind and calms steering
N by West Discharged the old mainsail
and bent it forward

Lat 19° 44' N Long 144° 14' East

Thursday April 10

Very light Easterly winds and calms steering
N.E. by N. Discharged the Mainsail

Lat 20° 04' N Long 143° 36' East

Friday April 11

Light winds from East to South steering N by West
Discharged the Fly jib and bent it again

Lat 21° 07' North Long 143° 33'

Saturday April 12

Light variable winds and calms working
to the Northward, Got up a new Foresail
and bent it & a new Main top gallant sail
and put the old ones into casks

Lat 21° 50' N Long 143° 48' East

Sunday April 13

Light winds from South to West steering
N.E. by N. with all sail out

Lat 22° 52' N Long 143° 23' East

Monday April 14

Moderate winds from S to W steering
N.E. by N. with all sail out
In the afternoon light squalls from
the N.W.

Lat 24° 24' N Long 142° 48'

of Barth General Sectt of Barthmen.

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Tuesday April 15th 1846

Moderate winds from the S. W. steering at 2.15.17.
with all sail; at one P.M. saw the south
Island of the Bonin Group to the north
At dusk it bore East when we saw another
Island ahead and I suppose it to be
Peels Island where I intend to get
for wood water & refreshments
Lat 26.22 Long 142 East

Wednesday April 16th

Strong winds from the Northeast at two P.M. took
a Pilot at Peels Island and went up within
about half a mile of the usual anchorage
and anchored the Ship at Eight o'clock
in the evening found the Mountbatten at
anchor with 230 lbs of Sperm and 50 lbs of
whale oil saw another Ship outside

Thursday April 17

Strong winds from the N.E. logging at anchor
a Port Royal Peels Island

Friday April 18

Light winds from the S.E. logging at anchor
Got of 180 lbs of Water.
The Mountbatten went to Sea to day

Saturday April 19

Strong southerly winds from the southward
at 9 o'clock this morning took one anchor
and ran up the Bay to usual anchorage
Got of 94 lbs of Sweet potatoes
and food for them

Private Journal of Benjamin Blough Master of

Sunday April 20th 1850.

Light winds from the southward lying at anchor at Port Fleet sent the Starboard watch on liberty

Monday April 21

Strong Southerly winds lying at anchor at Peck Island

Tuesday April 22

Strong westerly winds lying at anchor at Peck Island the Starboard watch on liberty

Wednesday April 23

Fresh northerly winds at daylight called all hands at took our anchor, at seven A.M. took our anchor on to the Baras and started south for Berley Island about 90 miles off I & P. We went on to try to get a recent male leopard but could not get him, brought 5 bags 5 birds 5 Ducks and a dozen humpkins and 5 dozen Eggs and got on board at dusk

Bark Gent. Sceth of Parthenon

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Elough Master

Thursday April 24th 1850.

Moderate wind from N.E. to E by N steering
by the wind to the N.W. & North saw the last
of the Benin Islands at seven o'clock this
morning. Employed in getting up clothes for
the men making a pen for helms &c

Lat 27:38 North Long 141:20

Spoke 59 miles East of the Chronometer
Friday April 25

Fresh S.E. wind steering North at eleven o'clock in
the forenoon saw a school of large sperm whales going
about two points more to windward than the ship
would have chased them with the ship until
St. Peter when they went out of sight to windward
I should think some of them were very large
whales. Lat 29:40 Long 141:40 East

Saturday April 26

A strong S.E. wind steering North under
top-sails at ten o'clock in the forenoon
and Main-sail and also reached the fore
top-sail. Lat 32:20 Long 141:44

Sunday April 27

A strong southerly wind steering North
under double reefed Main-sail close reefed fore
and Mizen-sail - at ten o'clock last night
lost the Bow Boat when we took in
the Mizen-sail & Fore top-sail at daylight
the wind heaved to the N.W. at
ten A.M. struck a sea and carried
some of the Bulwarks in the foreboard
ruined and broke the mainmast when
I close reefed the Main-sail and hoisted
the ship too on the foreboard hook
Lat 35:00 Long 141:48

of Bark General Scott of Providence

Monday April 28th 1856
Commences with a gale of wind from
the Westward blowing under short sail
in the morning more moderate at ten
A.M. passed large quantities of red cedar
boards lower and picked up or lost least
I suppose that they come from some
Sabbath School, Employed at making
a Hogpen
Lat 37 00 North Long 149 30 East

Tuesday April 29 1856
Light wind from West to south steering West
with some fog Saw the Island of Nippon
to the N.W. Saw quite a number of
Sabbath Schools Employed at refouring Butcher
Lat 33 29 N Long 149 35 East

Wednesday April 30
Light wind from the South to S.W. with a
thick fog steering N.E. Employed at making
some slight repairs that we get in
the light gale No Ob

Thursday May 1
fog moderate Southerly wind and occasionally it would
blow to the S.W. steering N.E. with thick
fog ending with rain No Ob
Lat 32 Long by Dead reckoning 149 00 N Long 147 00

Friday May 2
First part light winds from the S.W.
steering N.E. with all sail out
Middle part calm Later part light
easterly wind steering by the wind
to the Eastward
Lat 49 30 Long 147 00 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Elbert Master

Saturday May 3rd 1850

first part calm. Made away light winds
from the S E. later part fresh breeze
from the S E steering N E with all
sail set Lat 42:48 S Long 147:48

Sunday May 4th

Commenced with Easterly winds & rain later
moderate winds from the West & clear weather
Lat 43:30 N. Long 149 30 East

Monday May 5

Very light winds and calm steering N E
Ends with light S. E. winds
Painted the three Boats on the cranes and
one overhead

Lat 44:41 North Long 151:17 East

Tuesday May 6

Commenced with Moderate winds from
the S E steering N E later part a gale
and rain steering. Sailing under short
sail at dark we ship to the south
spoke the Bark Sarah Sheel of
New Bedford 24 months out clean

Wednesday May 7

A gale of wind from South East to
West with heavy cross swell sailing
under short sail

Lat 46 30 Long 159 00

of Bark Genl Scott of Fairhaven

Thursday May 8
Commenced with strong S.W. winds
at daylight made all sail and ran
into the Cohasset Sea Passes the N.E.
end of American Islands within three
miles soon as we got past the
Islands the wind all died away
Sang by Chron 152° 30' by the Sun 152° 10'
Lat 47° 11' North

Friday May 9
Strong winds from the W.N.W. working
to the North At one P.M. saw at sight
Whale saying firing within a mile
of the ship lowered the boat but there
came up a fog squall and we saw
him no more Saw quite a number
of Sulphur Bottoms Six of the
Islands in sight at dark blowing
strong from the W.N.W. back in the
fog topsails and other sail accordingly
Lat 47° 38' N Sang 152° 20' East

Saturday May 10th
A gale from the W.N.W. to N.W. blowing
under short sail heading to the North
Lat 48° 40' North

Sunday May 11th
Commenced with a gale from the W in the
morning calm ship within 3 miles of
the land in the afternoon wind East
and a thick snow storm
blowing N.W. at dark but the ship
under two reefs
Lat 49° 00' Sang 154° 00'

Private Journal of Capt Benj^l Strong Master

Monday May 12th 1858

Light winds from the North to W.N.W.
steering W.N.W. and by the wind
Lat 49:17 N Long

Tuesday May 13th

Very light winds from the Westward
and calm steering by the wind to
the Northward. Got out a new head cast
on to the Bow Cranes

Lat 50:09

Wednesday May 14

Light N & winds steering N.W. with all
sail out thick weather and snowing
most of the time N.B.

Thursday May 15th

Port & Middle part light N & winds steering
N.W. Sails hauled light N.W. winds steering
by the wind to the N.W. Snow
Lat 51:41 N Long 148:50 East

Friday May 16

Very light winds from W.N.W. to W.S.W.
steering by the wind to Northward and N.W.
saw some slicks on the water

Lat 52:07 N Long 148:08 East

Saturday May 17

Moderate Southerly winds steering N.W.
with all sail out N.W. in sight
Lat 53:14 N Long 145:00

Sunday May 18th 1850
Light winds from S E to N.W. with
fog and snow. At nine o'clock last night
saw the Ice to the N.W. one mile and
stood on to the Ice after the fog cleared
up but saw nothing at dark went
N.W. by N, steering by the wind to
S.E. by N wind very light the
Ice was 24 hours

Monday May 19th
Moderate winds from West to South
running down along the Ice to the North
At 2 P.M. saw Cape Elizabeth bearing
West 20 miles and Ice from the ship
as far as we could see in shore
Ice not very heavy

Lat 54.17, N. Long. 149.45, East

Tuesday May 20th
Strong S.E. wind laying under sheet in
the night, after daylight steered by the
wind until noon and then North
N.E. and at 4 P.M. north
saw a ship steering by the wind to
the S.W. at dark I think Jonas bearing
about N.W. 40 miles

Lat 55.20 N Long 144.30

Wednesday May 21st
Light S.E. winds the first part steering to
the N.W. at daylight saw Jones Island
to the West calm all day with Ice
to the North spoke the Omega of Fairhaven
4 Whales

Private Journal of Bonjth Ableigh Master

Thursday May 22^d

Moderate winds from the Westward
beating up along the ice towards Jones
Island. He appears to be no ice between
us and the Island at several places
thick ice and very light wind from
the Southward Jones N. S. W. 12 miles
Saw three souls

Friday May 23

A strong S. E. wind laying about the
ice between Jones Island and the S. E.
Island around Jones even in the bay
I should think it was not more than
a mile and a half or two miles in circumference
Saw seven ships thick by most of the time

Saturday May 24th

A gale of wind from the S. E. E. laying
under short sail on different tracks
saw two sails passed. one near enough
to recollect her name the Bark Frances Henriette
of New Bedford struck by most of the
time Saw Jones Island to the S. E. one
mile at dark wind East

Sunday May 25

Strong winds from E. to N. N. E.
laying under short sail saw five
ships one showing Charles R. Tucker signed
I suppose the Montreal as she answers
5 boats one ship heeling
Saw Jones Island

of Baryer Gent South Greenland

Monday May 26th 1856
light variable winds working around
the Ice saw 17 shots four sailing
ships the Jerry Cheney and Fresh
Sunt

Tuesday May 27
light variable winds and thick fog
untill five o'clock in the afternoon
we then stood in to the Ice but
saw nothing but seals in sight

Wednesday May 28th
light S S E winds cruising about the Ice
the Cleaver belock in the Forenoon saw
a whale lowered the Bow & Starboard but
saw him no more saw another before
the boat got on board & I lowered and
struck him and he took my line
chased him all of the afternoon got
one Bomb home into him it came
up foggy and had to come on board
3 miles in sight spoke the Celtic
Mendell & Thales this season
Saw 5700

Thursday May 29
Very light variable winds lying
in the Ice going over and often to break
clear of the large pieces thick fog till
upale 24 hours saw the Volgar one whale
this season

Private Journal of Benj^m Blough Master

Friday May 30th 1856

Slight S.W. wind at six o'clock this morning
the weather cleared up and we got out
of the ice working to the East along
the ice saw one whale one rising
16 Ships in sight
Lat 56° 58

Saturday May 31

A thick fog laying off and on the ice
Went to the west

Sunday June 1

Winds from the S.S.W. - fog until 4 P.M.
when it cleared up. Made the following
Gills of Fairbank 5 whale Mary C.B.
another seven & Emerald of Sag Harbor
before I heard that the Eugene of
Stonington picked up our line and
whale 16 seals in sight

Monday June 2

Slight winds from the S.S.W.
steering by the wind to the west along
the ice 16 seals in sight

Tuesday June 3

Fresh S.W. winds working up the
ice to the southeast 13 seals in sight
Lat 56° 39 Long 142° 30

Wednesday June 4

Strong S.W. winds working up the ice
to the southeast
Lat 56° 25

of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Thursday June 5th

Fresh winds from the S. S. W. working to
windward thick fog mist: at the time
saw the Roman seeking her first whale
she found him dead in the Sea
at 5 o'clock this morning saw Jones
Island to the N. E. 20 miles

Friday June 6

Light S. S. W. winds and thick fog run
out of the Ve to the Eastward spoke the
S. B. Richmond one whale

Cowper one whale

S. Georg & Mary one whale just from
the Vapton see reports the fleet very
poorly off.

Sat 55:30 AM

Saturday June 7

Light winds from the southeast at
seven o'clock this morning kept her off
North at noon passed Jones Island to
the west of us fifteen miles

Spoke the S. B. Richmond and bought
5 bb of potatoes and gave him an
order on Gilman & Co for 20 dollars

I intend to follow the Sea around until
I get to the north shore

Sunday June 8

Light southerly winds steering North until
2 P M when we saw Sea to the northward
and a shoal leading to the westward we ran
up to the Sea to the N. W. when it cleared
away to a reef saw the land to the
Westward at 57:30 Jones Island to
the south.

Private Journal of Benj^l Clough Master of

Monday June 10th 1856

Strong winds from the Eastward at noon sails reefed the topsails
stir for most of the time
No Cts

Tuesday June 11th

First part strong Easterly winds later
part calm spoke the Mangle of Howe
and he reports seeing a plough of whales
in the sea

Lat 57 48 Long 149 00

Wednesday June 11

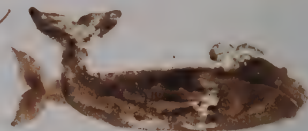
Light variable winds evening sunset
to the N W 40 miles dist

Lat 58 19 Long 143 00

Thursday June 12

Light variable winds at eight
o'clock last night saw a deer
whale took him along side
at eleven commenced killing at
four o'clock this morning finished
and commenced boiling

Lat 58:04 Long 144 09



Friday June 13

Moderate winds from East to S E
steering to the North spoke the
Cygene of Nottingham and got our line
he reports seeing a plough of whales
in on the Western side but did not
like to stop on account of the current

Lat 58:35 Long 144 00

Bark General Seth of Fairport

Saturday June 14

Light southerly winds steering to the south
at noon got up to the larret to the north
and kept her East 3 souls in company
Saw a few Musselshells finet at bottom
at five o'clock this morning
Lat 59:10

Sunday June 15

Very light southerly winds and calm
land to the northward 4 or 5 miles off
bent our chains as the swell was
increasing us in towards the breakers on
the long sandy beach at 4 P.M. the
we not hauled to the East stood close
in to the Beach saw a plenty of
drift wood on shore

Monday June 16

Light winds from East to S.W. working
along the larret to the Eastward; went
in with the boats but saw no Bow
Heads

Tuesday June 17

Strong S.W. winds working of the larret
saw three whales close in to the shore
but the wind was so strong that it
drifted the boats so much that we could
not get up to the whales
Saw two Ships Berling

Private Journal of Benjamin Obear

Wednesday June 18

Moderate winds from the S.S.E. working up the Bay saw three whales but could not get on the ships in sight Boiling but got three whales before I got here

Thursday June 19

Light southerly winds cruising in the Bay Sent two boats in shore to look for whales saw several but could not get fast slowed down over oil 90. lb saw the ship three brothers got a whale At dusk let get the anchor

Friday June 20

Thick fog went in shore with 4 Boats but saw nothing at anchor

Saturday June 21

Light variable winds went in shore with 4 Boats saw one whale one rising saw 2 seals off the Bay Ship at anchor

Sunday June 22

Light southerly winds; at anchor with all of the Boats in saw nothing

Monday June 23

Light southerly winds; at anchor with all of the boats in saw nothing

Master of Bark General Scott of Fairbore

Tuesday June 24

very light Easterly wind and calm
at six o'clock this morning took over
anchor to work to the next bay to
the west but at dark had not
got out Saw no whales

Wednesday June 25

light winds from the South to S.W.
cruising about the Bay with the ship
Spoke the Junior & Montreal

Saw nothing

Lat 59:20 Long 147 00

Thursday June 26

Strong S.W. wind steering down the
bay to the northwest at eight o'clock
this morning saw two whales
sent the boats up a bay saw one whale
Montreal in company one other sail in
sight

Friday June 27

light winds from the Westward steering
off to the East thick fog most of
the time

Saturday June 28

light winds and thick fog working
along the land to the Eastward
Lat 59 00 Long 150

Sunday June 29

light variable winds and thick fog until
noon when the fog cleared away from 12 to 3 saw
a flock of baldpate Greys steering along the land
to the East Lat 58 45 Long 151 30

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Clough

Monday June 30th 1850

Light wind from the S.W. steering to the
Bayward in a thick fog heavy tide runs
S.E.

Tuesday July 1

at dark it came on to blow very
strong with thick fog from the
S.W. took in all sail to a close
reef maintained in the morning
moderate and made sail steering
N.W. at 2 P.M. got within a quarter
of an mile of the rocks in
the fog. Docket and then stood to
the East until noon. P.M. when
it cleared up and I saw that
I could steer north up the Gulf
and let her go.

Wednesday July 2

Light wind from the S.W. steering to the
northward up the N.E. gulph at 3 P.M. saw
an whale working to the N.W. lowered the
boats for him but lost the run of him.
saw a flock of Murrelets in the
afternoon Lat 60:00 Long 156:00

Thursday July 3rd

Light wind from the N.E. and calm
sent three boats in chase but they saw
nothing. Saw the Ship Republic &
Brema 4 whales

Lat 60 40 Long 156 00

Master of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Friday July 4
at steam A.C. gale fresh by

Saturday July 5
Commenced with a strong A.C. gale
logging under stern sails
later part moderate and we made
double reef topsails which by most
of the time

Sunday July 6
First part fresh breeze from the A.C.
Ship under two reef stood in within one
mile of the land at noon it came on
to blow a gale and took in sail to
a close reef main topsail one sail in
sight Lat 59:40 Long 160 00

Monday July 7
First part a gale from the A.C.
Ship under stern sails at noon
weather more moderate and made
sail one sail in sight
Lat 59:38 Long 159 38

Tuesday July 8
Strong northerly winds working up to
the A.C. along the shore lowered her
whales but could not get very shy

Wednesday July 9
Light northerly winds and calms
saw quite a number of whales and
had the boats down all day 14 seals
in sight & three boiling
Lat 59:35 Long 160 10

Periodic Journal of Bong Clough Markes

Thursday July 10th 1856

Calm - saw quite a number of whales
to catch to get best 18 seals in sight
Set 59 43 Long 150 or

Friday July 11

Very light variable winds and calms
saw quite a number of whales chased
all day just before dark I went
best fastnet

Set 59 40 Long 150



Saturday July 12

At midnight took our whale along side
at two o'clock this morning commenced
cutting at six finished few seals

Set 59 42 Long 150 or

Sunday July 13

Variable winds and calms saw but
two or three whales

Bealry

Set 59 40 Long 100.04

Monday July 14

Light variable winds and calms at noon
fastnet to a whale to the West best
and held to the same at 2 P.M. took
him along side at 3½ commenced cutting
at 4½ finished 13 seals in sight

Set 59 40 Long 150 10



Tuesday July 15

Fresh NE winds Employed at Bealry
spoke the Cornelius Heuland 3 whales

of Bark General Scott of Fairport

Wednesday July 16 1856

Very light winds and calm at 4 P.M.
finished boiling stowel down

60 lb of oil

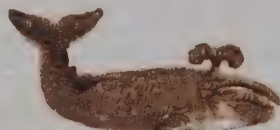
Sat 59 48 Long 100

Thursday July 17

Light winds and calm saw 2 or 3
whales got in close to the shore in
a calm in company with a number
of ships and went to anchor

Friday July 18

Light winds from N.E. to West
at four o'clock this morning took
our anchor and ran some to the
southeast but saw nothing at 6 A.M.
turned to the N.E. to look a look to
the northeast stowed down 90 lb of
oil



Saturday July 19

Light southerly winds at 6 A.M.
saw whales and lowered the boats
but could not get on as it was
calm and when the breeze sprang
up another ship struck

saw quite a number of whales
about 3 or ten miles from land
at 5 P.M. saw a dead whale
at eight took him along side
and commenced cutting

quite a large sea whale

Sat 60 40 Long 101:00

Private Journal of Benjⁿ. Bleby Master

Sunday July 20th 1856

light variable winds and calms saw
but one whale ship to leeward of the
Gulf of Bealony
Lat 60 40

Monday July 21

light winds and calms drifted so
far up the Gulf that it took me
all day to get beat
at 5 P.M. let get the anchor
to keep from going up the Gulf
with the next tide Bealony
Lat 60 40

Tuesday July 22

light winds & calm with thick fog
took our anchor at noon but let it
go again at 6 P.M.
Lat 60 20

Wednesday July 23

Strong N.E. winds with heavy southerly
swell saw several whales in
company with several ships but could
come on board at noon; stored
down 3 lb of oil this afternoon
Lat 60 00

Thursday July 24

Strong N.E. winds saw quite a number
of whales fastened to Starboard boat
and drew the Green Spike Capherates
& Whales

of Bart. General Scott & Furber

Friday July 25th 1858
Light E & NE winds saw several whales
lowered without success

Saturday July 26th
Light winds with rain and fog
saw nothing

Sunday July 27th
Light variable winds and calms
went in shore in the afternoon
saw two Whales going to the south
Lat 60 40

Monday July 28th
Light winds from the Southwest and
calm, working to the North
Saw nothing Lat 60 40

Tuesday July 29th
Commoner with fresh S.W. wind
steering to the NE later part steering
winds shot under double reefs
to keep ab
Lat 61 00

Wednesday July 30th
Strong S.W. gale carrying two reefs
up to keep ab
Lat 61 16

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Coker.

Thursday July 31st 1850

Fresh S.W. wind, heaving to the S.W.
out of the Gulf first fast under two
reefs later fast all soul out

Friday August 1st

First part light southerly winds and thick
fog heaving to windward later part calm
and from four to six P.M. strong S.W.
winds steering to the southward along
shore saw quite a number of whales
just at night coming to the north
very quick some of the ships having
struck to the southward Steved down
17 ~~lb~~ of oil

Saturday August 2

Strong N.E. winds saw nothing spoke the
Hony & Whales this season

Sunday August 3

First part strong (N.E. winds & Middle
calm later part strong S.W. winds
Spoke the ship Sheffield for whales
since leaving the Sandwich Islands
and ship Tobias Sims & Whales this
season set 60 or

Monday August 4

A strong gale from the S.W.
Saw no whales

Master of Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Tuesday August 5th 1850

Commences with a strong S.W. gale
middle part calm later part strong
Northerly winds steering down the coast
to the S.W. and I intent to leave for
the north shore of the Ochotsk sea

Wednesday August 6

Light variable winds and calms
with thick fog and rain

Thursday August 7

Light winds from the Northward steering W by S
with topmast and lower shrouding sails
out & more sails steering the same
course Lat 59° 30 Long 157

Friday August 8

Strong Southerly winds and foggy steering
by the wind to the Westward
Lat 59 40 Long 157 00

Saturday Aug 9

A strong Southerly wind untill 4 PM
when it died away some thick fog untill
daylight Proceeding by the wind to the
South east untill daylight when I
backed to the west so as to leave
to the S.W. Ship heading West by S
up the Gulf of Kamtschatka

Sunday August 10

Light Northerly winds steering by the
wind to the Southward at sunset the
Komatsk Islands ten miles distant
Lat 59 34 Long 158 20

Ship 30 miles west of the Chers by the coast

Private Journal of Benjth Blough Master

Monday August 11th 1856
Light S.W. winds at midnight passed
out of the N.E. Gulf the rest of
the day working to the S.W.
Set 58 48 Long 155 00

Tuesday August 12
First part light S.W. winds Middle part
strong S.E. with thick fog and rain
later part strong W. & N.W. winds
and ends with a calm. Steering along the
Coast to the West
Set 58 28 Long 153 30 East.

Wednesday August 13
Strong winds from West to S.W.
beating to windward up along the
Coast. Saw the Ship Thomas Age, Cambria
and two others
Set 58 55

Thursday August 14
First part light S.W. winds middle
and later part calm with thick fog
Ends with light S.E. winds and thick
fog

Friday August 15
At 8 o'clock N.E. wind with fog and rain
steering West with all sail out

Saturday August 16
First part light winds and thick fog
later part strong S.W. wind and saw 3 ships
two at anchor under the land
Set 59 10 Long by Chron 146 25
by the land 145 38

1 Beth General Seeth of Parkers

Sunday August 17

Strong winds from the S.W. with
fog and rain later part very strong
winds with rain shot with live
tobacco in trying to hold on to
go into the bay when it moderated
Lat 59:20 Long 146:50 by three

Monday August 18

Strong S.W. winds with fog and rain
beating up towards three brother bay
saw 2 ships in horse shoe bay
boiling started to go in but
the sea ahead and blew a gale
Lat 59 10 Long 146 20

Tuesday August 19

Moderate westerly winds and calms
with a very heavy easterly swell
sent 2 boats into three brother bay but
saw nothing.

Wednesday August 20

Strong N.E. gales ran around into
horse shoe bay and came to an anchor
found the ship Tobias at anchor
9 Right whales this season
and 2 Eliza & Maren 7 Whales

Thursday August 21

A strong N.E. gale laying anchor
in horse shoe bay blowing very
strong

Private Journal of Benjamin Bleby

Friday August 22nd 1836

First part a strong N.E. gale Middle
part moderate later part calm
at nine AM took our anchor and ran
to the westward to the first low land
to the west of Herse Shore Bay saw
one whale going quick to the West
Lat 59:20 Long 145:00

Saturday August 23rd

Light winds from the W.N.W. working up
the land to the West Six seals in sight
Lat 59:00 Long 149:00

Sunday August 24

Commenced with light W.N.W. winds
at two o'clock this morning it hauled to
the north and at daylight it hauled
to the Eastward later part thick and
foggy steering to the S.W. along the
land for Dechant Bay Eliza & Marion
in company

Monday August 25

First part strong winds from N.E. steering
S.W. middle part moderate later part calm
Saw 20 miles off at dark to the west
Lat 58:46 North Long 14

Tuesday August 26

Light S.W. winds sent two boats in off
again but they saw nothing there were
about 150 Imbhattons,
Saw a ship steering to the N.E. near
Lat 58:20 Lon, 138:37 Saw Wed & Edg
Males

Master of Bark General Scott

Wednesday August 27 1850
light winds from the S.W. working up the
harbour to the S.W. saw at ten AM
saw the green Schooner to the S by W
saw three boats steering to the N.W. had
along the harbour lat 55:40

Thursday August 28
light winds from the W.S.W. steering by
by the wind on both boats working up
to the Schooner; One sail in sight
saw her pick up a dead whale
saw two whales going to the Northward
at sunset Great Schooner south 15 miles

Friday August 29
light southerly winds working up between
Great Schooner and Fehleleft and saw
quite a number of Males saw 4 sails

Saturday August 30
light southerly winds Cruising between
Great Schooner and Fehleleft saw
a flock of whales close into the schooner
but could not get on; spoke the
Congress at N.B. ten miles

Sunday August 31
Strong westerly winds lay in at anchor
between Fehleleft and Great Schooner
brought and killed a whale to the
schooner's boat took him to the ship
and took her head and gave Blenket
beer Spoke the Indian tender and
he reports there with 23 Males 1700
of oil

Private Journal of Benj^d Clough Master

Monday September 1 1850

Light winds and calm laying at anchor finished cutting our whale two men only at one P.M. struck to the Bow boat kill, at to the west at dark got him up to the Ships stern and made him fast to meet winter tide change, as we could not find him along side.

Tuesday Sept 2

Light winds from the Eastward took our whale along side at ten o'clock last night when the tide turned at daylight I sent two boats off and stepped on board myself and cut the whale in they saw no whales Ship at anchor

Wednesday Sept 3

Strong E. & N. E. winds commenced blowing at daylight sent two boats in sheer tow look for whales but saw nothing. Saw eight ships go in behind the Harbor

Thursday Sept 4

Light winds from the E. S. E., Ship at anchor boiling sent two boats to look for whales. Saw nothing.

Friday Sept 5

Fresh S. W. winds, Ship at anchor boiling sent two boats to look for whales saw nothing

of Bark General Scott of Harbour

Saturday Sept 6 1850

Light westerly winds took our anchor and
ran in behind Foulke's and came to
again. Saw nineteen seals stowed down
70 lbs of oil

Sunday Sept 7

Light variable winds Ship at anchor off
Foulke's Harbour sent two boats off to look
for whales they found a dead one; at ten
o'clock in the forenoon took him to the ship.
Cut him in and stowed down 40 lbs of
oil

Monday Sept 8

First part calm. Later part strong winds
from the N. E. took our anchor at noon and
ran into Foulke's harbour to make a lee
Sent two boats off to look for whales at
dark one of them came on board and
said they had found a dead whale
finished boiling at daylight

Tuesday Sept 9
Fresh southerly winds sent the boats
off at midnight to get the whale
and found the boat on shore that
stopped by the whale as it blew on
so strong that they had to leave
the whale and left him
Stowed down 20 lbs of oil

Wednesday Sept 10

Rainy with N. E. winds sent the boats
out saw very few whales stowed
down 40 lbs of oil

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Clough Master

Thursday Sept 11 1850

Strong N.E. winds at anchor at Fokelstiff
Two boats over to the main land
did not come on board to night
Six ships came in to our anchor as
it looks like bad weather

Friday Sept 12

Commences with a strong wind from
the N.E. Middle calm later fast strong
westerly winds; at anchor at Fokelstiff
at 4 P.M. all the boats come on board
saw nothing 10 Ships at anchor

Saturday Sept 13

at strong westerly gale laying at anchor
at Fokelstiff with two anchors down
and 150 fathoms of chain on one anchor and
70 on the other Eleven other ships at
anchor; and one other that got under
weigh and run over to Shumter bay
broke all of our balls out of the fire
of them that goes on to Mr. Samsen's boat

Sunday Sept 14th

Strong westerly winds at anchor at Fokelstiff
Several ships lost their anchors last night

Monday Sept 15

Strong westerly winds laying at anchor at
Fokelstiff Harbour wrote two letters
and sent in the Schooner E. D. Grant
one to my wife and the other to Mr. Church
She starts for Honolulu tomorrow

of Bark General Scott of Fair Haven

Tuesday Sept 16 1850

Moderate Easterly winds took our anchors in the morning and ran up to Elbow Island. Saw one of the officers that left the Alexander before in this boat at Oron and come down here to get a Shik. He being contented and shipped him and gave him the shortest way for the rest of the season. took his boat in and put her overboard. he paid four men & shipped one as boatsteerer and the three others before he must go. then the 150 share and the boatsteerer are 95

Wednesday Sept 17

First part S.W. winds with rain. Middle part calm later part. fresh N.W. winds when we ran from Elbow Island to Shunter Bay. at dark let go our anchor with a heavy tide about 30 Sails in sight

Thursday Sept 18

Strong westerly winds took our anchors and ran around to the East side of Shunter Bay saw quite a number of small whales chased all day 40 Shiks in sight. Saw the Protest get a whale

Whale Journal of Benjamin Cleugh Master

Friday Sept 19th 1856

First part calm latter part Fresh S.E. winds saw quite a number of whales saw several taken by other ships
50 fath in sight at anchor at Hunter bay

Saturday Sept 20th

Strong winds from the S.E. first part moderate latter part very light winds Saw a very few whales
at anchor at Hunter bay

Sunday Sept 21st

Moderate winds from the S.E. to S.W. saw a few whales lowered without success
Ship at anchor at Hunter bay

Monday Sept 22nd

Light winds and calms sent all of the boat after whales in the morning the Sloop-boat struck at 2 P.M. took the whale to the ship at dark finished cutting Ends with a calm at anchor in Hunter bay

Tuesday Sept 23

Very light winds and calms sent 4 boats to look for whales could not get fast
at anchor in Hunter bay

Wednesday Sept 24

A gale of wind and rain storm from the North East; Lying at anchor at Hunter bay 2 anchors down and the chains lashed to the mainmast sheet bits

of Bark General Scott of Newbern

Thursday Sept 25th 1856

Strong N^o E winds blowing at anchor at Monday
Day with both anchors down to weight
to leave the beach

Friday Sept 26

Moderate N^o E winds at day light
started the tryworks sent the boats in
to look for whales saw a few

Saturday Sept 27

Moderate easterly winds took our anchors
and moved the ship about ten miles
saw several whales and would have fastened
if the boatmen had ~~not~~ dared
venture looking at noon

Sunday Sept 28

Light winds and calm sent the boats
off after whales; the second mate went on
and the boatmen dared and the Ore
struck the whale and broke the pin that
holds together.

Monday Sept 29

Commences with strong Easterly winds and
rain at dark a gale of wind let go
the second anchor and gave her 150 fathoms
on one chain and 45 on the other

Tuesday Sept 30

A strong gale from the N^o E to West at eleven
o'clock last night parted our foreboard cable
and lost it all except a few fathoms with our
third chain and small anchor the first being
being shackled on to the foreboard and lost
the starboard one holds her get

Gravel Journal of Benjamin Blough Master of

Wednesday October 1st 1830

First part strong gale from the West at
Anker on Hunter Bay swept for our chain
but could not catch it; stowed down
65 lb of oil

Thursday Oct 2nd

Heavy gale from North to N.W. with rain.
Sleet had and since this morning the forest
covered with snow, and winter seems to
be hereabouts

Friday October 3rd

at strong westerly gale began at Anker at Hunter
bay Lat 54:40 N Long 137 18

Saturday October 4

Strong winds from the N.W. took over Anker
and beat over to Peklottiff

Sunday October 5

Commences with calm but in a short time
it increases to a gale of wind and snow
storm from the N.E. get four loads of wood

Monday October 6

Strong N.W. winds at Anker at Peklottiff
get off 13 best loads of wood

Tuesday October 7

Moderate westerly winds at Anker at
Peklottiff get 9 best loads of wood
and 4 lb of water

Bark General Scott of Fairhaven

Wednesday October 8
A strong N.W. gale at anchor at Southwell
about eighteen inches of snow fell last
night

Thursday October 9
Commenced with a gale of wind and snow
storm. Dragged our anchor about two miles
last night, I suppose the anchor was bent

Friday October 10
Strong N.W. winds at daylight took our
anchor and started for the Sandwich Islands
Eight sail in company, at dark Protobell
bearing south

Saturday October 11
Strong winds from the N.W. steering E by N
untill daylight and East untill four P.M.
and then E.S.E. thick and snowy mist
of the time Lat 55:30 N Long 143:50 East

Sunday October 12
Strong N.W. winds steering E.S.E. untill daylight
and then S.E. saw one sail in the morning
to the North-east

Lat 54:30 N Long 144:30 East

Monday October 13
Commenced with strong N.W. winds small
part calm later part moderate Easterly winds
Employed at cutting and splicing our wire
Lat 52:45 N Long 147:15 East

Revised Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Tuesday October 14th 1845

A strong gale from E to N.W. when the wind got to the N.W. it blew very strong with heavy cross sea. Barometer down to 28.80 at 9 o'clock. The ship went to sea under a close reef of maintopsail and part of the Main Spencer; at seven o'clock this morning sent two men out to secure the head of the kil, when one of them Spencer Baker got out to the end of the bowsprit having held of the mainropes he pitched head foremost over the bowsprit lost his hold, went overboard and was drowned.

Wednesday October 15

A heavy N.W. gale ship under a close reef of maintopsail, at midnight furled the lee maintopsail sheet and blew the clew out of the Belt rope. Lay the rest of the night under the feet of the main Spencer at daylight more moderate. At 9 o'clock kept her off E.S.E. under a close reef of fore topsail, at noon furlled the clew of the maintopsail and set it single reefed with main-topgallant sail over it. I think last night never as bad a night after a ship as I ever experienced. Lat 51 25 N Long 150 48 East.

of B. B. General Scott of Purchase

Thursday, October 10th 1846.

Commenced with a strong breeze from the N. W. W. Middle fort calm and ends with a N. E. rain storm and fog put the ship under a close reef topsails and were shot to the bottom at dusk

Friday October 11

Commenced with strong N. E. winds laying under short sail, heaving to the N. W. in the wind however gradually to the westward at two o'clock this morning was ship to the E. N. E.; at four o'clock kept her old E. S. E. with a strong westerly wind and soon saw the land the small Island to the southward of the fifty passage at dark went through the passage south the broad Pacific before us,

About 15 or 20 miles to the N. W. of the Island of Mehemuta saw a rock about as large as a ship with sail cut not laid down on the chart and I have been very near it in times past in the fog and knowing that it was there found the Chre right by the land

Lat 49.50 N Long 154.45 East

Saturday October 12

Strong winds from the westward steering E by S heave to; frequent squalls of hail & snow one boat in sight steering the same course from a distance of 250 miles

Lat 48.148 North Long 150.468 East

Pirate Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Sunday October 19th 1850

Strong winds from West to S.W. steering E by S
half south the latter part under all sail
Lat 47:37 North Long. 163.00 East

Monday October 20th

Commences with light winds from the W.S.W.
Dying away gradually at daylight calm
and remainder so until three o'clock in
the afternoon, when a breeze springs up from
the E.N.E. steering E by South and by the wind
Lat 46:45 North Long 165:30 East

Tuesday October 21

Commenced with strong winds from the E.N.E.
heaving by the wind to the S.E. at noon
a gale blowing with the lee clew of the
main-tribut and feet of the main-stem cut
at dark much the same blowing heavy in
squalls with rain
Lat and Long by acct 45 55 Lat Long 166:30 East

Wednesday October 22

Commences with strong winds from the
E.N.E. at midnight it commences dying
away gradually at dark thick fog sets
with all sail set heading East
Lat 45:24

Thursday October 23

Moderate winds from the N.E. to West and
then to the S.S.E. with heavy Easterly
swell steering East and by the wind
Saw Dolphins three times
Lat 44:50 Long 163:50 East

of Bark Hancock Sept of Fairhaven

Friday October 24th 1858

Sight variable winds steering E by N by compass
Carpenter employed at repairing boat
Lat 45 04 Long 170 30

Saturday October 25

Moderate winds from S.W. to N.W. steering
E half N. with all sail out one sail
in sight steering the same course
Employed at washing the ship inside
Carpenter mending the mast boat
Lat 45 06 N Long 172 00

Sunday October 26 In Port p. time

Commences with a calm in the morning
a gale from the E.N.E. at seven o'clock
the wind shifts at noon the wind shifts
and continues through the day steering
E & North under two reefed topsails
one sail in sight to the Northward
heavy swell from the Eastward
Lat 44 29 Long 174 00 East

Monday October 27

Strong winds from the N.E. & N. steering
E by N under two reefed topsails
One sail in sight astern
Lat 43 57 N Long 173 00 East

Tuesday October 28

Commences with a gale from the N.E. & N.
Moderate part calm later part a gale
from the S.S.E. with rain
one sail in sight astern
Lat 44 00 Long 180 00

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough Master

Wednesday, October 29, 1835?

First part strong southerly winds
middle part strong westerly winds
later part strong southerly winds
Lat 43:18 18th Long 176:00 West

Thursday October 30

Commences with a gale from the S E
Ship under two reef, between middle
strong winds from the Southeast with
reef and ends with a gale from
the S.W. steering East at dark under
a double reef, main-top-sail and fore-sail
Lat by acct 43:10 179 00 West

Friday October 31

Commences with a strong S W gale steering
East under a double reef, a main-top-sail
and fore-sail thick and raining
Ends with light southerly winds and
thick weather
Lat 42 00 Long 171 00

Saturday November 1

Light variable winds and calms with
fog and rain at dark a light breeze sprang
up from the southeast
Lat 41 00 Long 168:00

Sunday November 2

Light winds from South to N.W. steering
by the wind and S E by E at dark
strong winds from the N.W.
Lat 40:08 N Long 165 00 West

of Bark General Scott of Newhaven.

Monday November 3rd 1855

First part light winds from the N.W.
later part calm. Broke out for Bread
McLasson sugar & Beef & Pork

Lat 33:11 Long 153:00

N

Tuesday November 4

Strong winds from the S. S. E. steering by
the wind to the Eastward later part strong
winds with rain. Employed at mending
boats and washing home

Lat 33:00 alt Long 160 24

Wednesday November 5

Commence with a strong wind from the
S. S. E. At four o'clock this morning the wind
hauled suddenly to the N. W. with rain
and so continued untill five P.M. when
it cleared up - Employed at washing home
steering S E by S with all sail out

Lat 37:00 Long 158 50

N

Thursday November 6

Moderate winds from the N. W. steering
S E by S with all sail out.

Finished washing our home

Lat 35 14 alt Long 158

N

Friday November 7

Strong northerly winds steering S E by S
with all sail out. Employed at
reparing the Main sail

Lat 33 18 alt Long 157:30

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough

Saturday November 5th 1855

Moderate wind from the N.E. to N.W.
steering S.E. by S by compass
Lat 30 48 N Long 155 40 West

Sunday November 6th

Strong N.E. wind steering S.E. by S by S
with all sail out; took a forenoon
steading out Broom Saw a ship steering
S by E she set a signal White Red I supposed it
to be the ship George Henry of New London
Lat 28 25 Long 155 35 West

Monday November 10

Moderate wind from the N.E. to E,
steering S.S.E. by compass with all sail
out - Repaired the "Rigging" The sail
in sight steering to the S.S.E.
Lat 25 28 Long 155 30 West

Tuesday November 11

Strong N.E. breeze steering S.S.E. three
sails in company
Lat 22 51 Long 155 05 West

Wednesday November 12

Master of Bark General Scott at Perth Amboy

Thursday Nov 27 1850
At 10 AM took our anchor at 10 AM
At 4 PM I came on board at midnight
and for the time
Having discharged Charles Walker
into the Hospital sick and disabled
I have thought my third mate because
he was good for nothing. Ship Mr. Tied
as second officer and Mr. Higgins as
third officer, and shipped two more
to replace the men discharged and
one lost overboard

Private Journal of Benj. Elmer, Master

Friday Nov 28 1850

Light E. wind, anchoring S.W. at noon
lost sight of the Islands Employed
at getting the boats ready &c

Lat 16° 31' Long 137° 30' West

Saturday Nov 29 1850

Moderate E. wind, anchoring S.W.
under all sail

Lat 19° 00' Long 130° 33' West

Sunday November 30

Moderate N.E. wind, steering S.W. with
all sail out. Later part wind
to the S.E.

Lat 17° 38' North Long 132° 30' West

Monday December 1

Moderate wind from the Eastward steering
S.W. with all sail out Employed at
fitting rigging

Lat 16° 12' Long 134° 15' W

Tuesday December 2

Light wind from E to S.E. steering
S.W. with all sail out employed at
fitting rigging

Lat 14° 43' Long 138° 38' W

Wednesday December 3^d

Very light variable winds steering
S.W. and by the wind at dark.
Wind S.W. by night of rain

Lat 14° 23'

6 Book General Sall of Portland

Thursday December 4th 1850
First part calm later part very light
wind from the N^W steering S.W.
Employed at taking down the rigging
Lat 14 09 Long 168 10

Friday December 5
Strong N^W breeze steering S.W. with
all sail cut, Employed at taking
down the rigging
Lat 13 41 Long 170 00

Saturday December 6
Strong N^W breeze steering S.W.
with all sail cut Employed taking
down the rigging
Lat 11 31 Long 172 47

Sunday December 7
Moderate N^W wind steering S.W.
with all sail cut
Lat 10 15 Long 174 48

Monday December 8
A strong wind from the N^W steering
S.W. with all sail cut
Lat 8 55 Long 176 30

Tuesday December 9
Moderate wind from the N^W steering
S.W. Employed at putting over
board and making a few
decks for the
and regulating the between decks
Lat 7 38 Long 178 37

Wind. Journal of Bangs' Schooner

Wednesday December 10th 1850
Light N^W wind steering S. W. with
all sail shifted old Foretopsail
and commenced repairing the one
we sent down

Lat 6° 25' N Long 150° 00'

Thursday December 11
Light wind from the N^W steering
S. W. with all sail out. Employed
at repairing spare topsails.

Lat 5° 11' N Long 148° 48' East

Friday December 12th
Fresh N^W wind steering S. W. fore part
wind East Employed at mending sails
Lat 3° 50' N Long 150° 15' East

Saturday December 13
Fresh E. wind steering S. W.
with all sail out employed at
repairing old sails at dark shortened
sail down

Lat 2° 38' N Long 153° 20'

Sunday December 14
Light wind from the N^W steering
S. W. Lat 1° 35' N Long 152° 00'

Monday December 15
Fresh N^W wind with frequent
squalls of rain steering S. W.
saw Blackfish and looked for
them but did not get lost
Lat 00° 40' N Long 150°

Harbor of Bask. Harb. South of Funchal.

December 15th 1868
Light winds from the Eastward strong
S.W. and at noon West under easy
sail looking for whales
Lat 30 South Long 16° 35' E

Wednesday December 17
Light winds from the eastward at dusk
sighted the ship to the east cut off
sight of pleasant Island and let
her come too with the main haul made
at anchoring saw the Island to land
at daylight tacked in for the Island
at mid day the hove come off
to trade and I bought seven Hens
100 Chickens, Broom, still, Cucumbers
8 C for which I traded 23 lbs of tobacco
of the ship 25 of my own, also one
basket of one bag of powder.
I also sold 5 Boxes of soap

Lat 30 S Long by Chron 16° 58'

I think the ship is about 20 miles to
the west of the shore

December 18 Thursday

Light winds from the S.W. strong
W.A. with all sail set, Employed at
Meggall stitching the main topsail

Saw a creature in the forenoon and as we did
not see it again I suppose it to be
a hippo.

Lat 20 N. Long 16° 55' E

Private Journal of Benjⁿ Clough, Master.

Friday December 19th 1857

Light variable wind from the N.W. coast steering West with all sail set out

Employed at repairing the Jib & Main
Lat 10° 08' South Long 153° 41' East

Saturday December 20

Light variable wind and calms with squalls of rain

Lat 4° 46' South Long 152° 40' East

Sunday December 21st

Light wind from the Eastward steering N.E. by N. under all sail

Lat 10° 02' North Long 151° 32' East

Monday December 22

Moderate wind from the Eastward steering N.E. by N. under all sail pointed the ~~anchor~~ and Sailed Boat

Lat 00° 15' S Long 150° 14' 50"

Tuesday December 23

Variable wind with frequent squalls of rain & wind veering to the Westward
Lat 00° 40' S Long 159° 00'

Wednesday December 24

Strong Westerly wind with frequent squalls of rain steering S. by E

Lat 1° 18' S Long 158° 00'

of Bart General Scott of their Honor

Thursday December 25

Squally rainy weather from the Westward
beginning to work the ship to the S. W.
Set by current 1:30 S Long 138 19 East

Friday December 26

Thick rainy squally weather wind from the
S. W. most of the time
beginning to get the ship to the South West
At 6 1/2

Saturday December 27

Strong westerly winds steering by the wind
to the Southeast under two reefs topsails
Set 2:40 S Long 137:48 East

Sunday December 28

Moderate westerly winds steering by the
wind to the Westward

Saw a floating log of wood
Set 4:33 S Long 137 32 East

Monday December 29

Light winds from Westward to S W steering
by the wind to the Southeast at nine o'clock
in the forenoon saw the land to the
Southeast New Georgia

Saw Blackfish & cow fish in the afternoon
Set 5:56 S Long 137:07 East

Tuesday December 30

Nearly calm the whole morning
New Georgia in sight to the Southeast
Set 6:09 South Long 137:00

Private Journal of Benjⁿ. Clough

Wednesday December 31st 1857
Very light wind from the S.W. to W.S.W.
working to the West North West. to get
to the Island Bouker. Employed at
setting a trap as I had a broken one
and thought I might as well take it
out. New Georgia in sight
Lat 5 38 South Long 155 35

Thursday January 1st 1858
Very light variable wind and calm working
to the Westward. Land in sight from West
to S.E. Threw out setting our trap
Lat 5:40 South Long 155 20 East

Friday January 2nd
Light winds from S.W. to W. & W.
working on the track that I can make
most western on as the wind hauls each
way New Georgia to the Southeast
Lat 5:28 Long 155 10

Saturday January 3rd
Faint part thunder squalls with several
winds. Models lost very strong winds from
the W. & S.W. ship under two red sails
but I think we got into a strong wind
by standing off shore
At dusk Brought about to the Southeast 20 miles
Lat 5:05 Long 155 00

Master of Bark Genl. Scott & Henderson.

Sunday January 4th 1857
Calm Squalls: and heavy weather.
trying to get to the westward
at four o'clock in the afternoon. Left last
Islands to the North West just in sight from
Northwest

Lat 4:51 S. Long 160 00

Monday January 5
Strong winds from the N.W. to W.S.W.
making to the westward at daylight saw
Boaker to the West Bougainville to the
S.W. saw quite a number of combs
in the current

Lat 5:15

Tuesday January 6
First fair squalls. Later first light
westerly winds beating up into Boake Bay
Saw three south ships the Northrop of Newham
of bel 8 fangs of Montserrat south
of Sherm and saw the English Bark
Cousins of London 6 months out 40 lbs of
Sherm. the young Steamer was reported full
Ships in the Boake Bay

Wednesday January 7
Variable winds from the South to West
Clearing in Boake Bay
Proceeded fire of my eyes and caught 7
Sever. Flies also caught some small
Fl with Iron Hook
Lat 5:16 S

Private Journal of Benja. Clough. Master

Thursday January 8th 1857

Moderate wind from the S.W. cruising in
Beauhar Bay in company with two
Barks bought some Hogs of the native
Seamen for which I paid Seamen of the Ship
also. Bought 4 Corns and some turtle
shells for two of my axes

Friday January 9

Moderate wind from the S.W. Cruising
in Beauhar Bay Saw nothing
Bought Seven Hogs for Seamen Axes

Saturday January 10th

Fresh breeze from the S.W. Cruising
in Beauhar Bay Bought seven Hogs
for axes and Bought turtle shells for axes

Sunday January 11

Strong Westerly wind cruising in
Beauhar Bay Saw Blackfish
Spoke the Bark Wankrich

Monday January 12

Strong wind from the N.W. cruising
in Beauhar Bay Saw nothing
Sold 5 axes and bought 5 Hogs

Tuesday January 13

of Barb. Gen. S. of Barb. H. H.

Tuesday Morning 13th 1834

Strong winds from the North to West
stormy by the wind to the North
at Eight O'clock this morning saw the Green
Islands at noon got up with them saw
Six of them but saw only large crabs
for one coconut tree each the other some
few acres except the largest which is nearly
one mile in circumference encircled by
a reef which could not see the extent
of some of the Islands were fifteen miles
distant from each other I pulled in to the
reef when the Boats came down from two of
the Islands being entirely naked like the
others in the vicinity they had but very
little trade two kinds of Bananas 20 coconuts
and two kinds of turtle shell and a few
Spears and Bows & arrows I wrote 75 men
and half grown Boys but no females
their canoes were dug out of a single tree
and had outriggers

A few set of fellows

they seemed to set a great value on their
knives and had evidently been traded with
before as they thought turtle shell was
very valuable

I think the Ship is about 30 Miles to the
West of the Chronometre

Lat 4° 48' S Long by Chronometre by some say
Lat 4° 30' S Long 155° 30' East

The Menet of Bertha and its Inhabitants



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Private Journal of Benjamin Clegg Master

Wednesday January 14th 1857

First part light winds from the N.E. W. steering by the wind to the N.E. at daylight the wind southerly to the N.E. W. when I looked to the West, Steady squalls, & wind and rain in the night

Strong Easter current

Lat 4:20 S Long 156:10 East

Thursday January 15th 1857

Very light winds from the Northward steering by the wind to the Westward large shoals of small fish about

Lat 4:13 South Long 156:40 East

Friday January 16th

Very light winds from the N.E. steering N.E. W. with all sail set at dark. New Island bearing North and West of the reef N.E. W.

Lat 3:45 S Long 155:00 East

Saturday January 17th

Light northerly winds & lay aback least night as I thought it would be dangerous running in the night at daylight New Island was just visible from the main mast to the N.E. at sunset sailed St John Island to the S.W. Just visible from the deck. Cleared my scuttle butt from the mainmast to the after part of the after hatch


so that I could put my pump in it

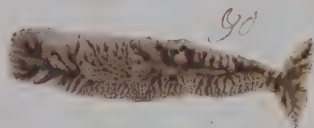
Lat 3:41 North Long 154:30 East

At Bark General Scott of Fair Haven
Sunday November 18th 1867

Several northern birds steering to the West
at daylight saw Orsons Island west in
with three Boats to get horns on the
N.E. part of the Island but but very few
horns and about seven Barrels of Whalings
and a few hundred green accounts

which the natives swim off to the Boats
to trade for pieces of Iron Hook

The Island is quite low where I went in
with the most splendid account given
that I ever saw the men go perfectly
naked but the women are covered with
a small piece of smutting three inches wide by
four long in this shape  The people seem to
be very expert in trading and some
of them could speak a few words in English
Act 3: 17



Monday November 19

Light variable winds and squalls working over
towards Hornet Point at noon saw Sperm
Whales and several few boats for them
at one Boats started to the West coast
the men went up but did not go in
at four P.M. fastened to the Starboard
Boat the rest of the whals did not stop
get to the Bow Boat at dark took him
to the Ship at dark Hornet Point
to the west ten miles

Private Journal of Benjamin Blough March

Tuesday January 20th 1857

Westerly winds from the S.W. at daylight
called all hands and out in our whale
it took us one hour and twenty minutes

at Two P.M. started the tryworks

Harriet Donner A.M. six miles at dusk
Set 3 29 S

Wednesday January 21

Very light breeze, wind and calm at
seven o'clock in the morning saw whale
about four miles from land of the S.W.
point of Harriet Donner laying still
but they soon started over towards New
Holland lower and struck to the
Starboard Boat killed to the Bow
feasted to another to the Starboard boat
and drew the first iron and the short
spear got cut and lost the whale
at two P.M. took the other to the Shoh
but him in want saw what I supposed
to be sperm whale but after pulling four
miles they proved to be Blackfish

Thursday January 22

Light Easterly wind and calm the ship
between Harriet Donner & Pecheur saw
Whales strong current to the S.W.
We became aware of them Harriet Donner
the Peter Black and Peter with red
heads all around I suffered with him
their course was dug out of a single tree
with a very long cuttyger; all the hands
for boards up, Eight Homs and six
What says Set 3:08 S Log 153 as East

of Bark Genl Scott of Portland

Friday January 23rd 1857

Very light winds from the S.E. and calm
between Gerrit Dennis & Portland
trying to work up to Gerrit Dennis but
the current is so strong that we do not
hold our own at dark Portland Island
to the N.E. 15 miles

at twelve o'clock last night fastest
sailing left 3:00 Long 152 52 East

Saturday January 24

Light winds from the Westward steered up towards
Gerrit Dennis at 3 o'clock in the afternoon saw
two Frigate at four P.M. I took my boat
and went into the boat and bought a lot
load of coconuts & Gums

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough (Master)

Sunday January 25th 1857

Light variable winds and calms occurring
At Harriet Towner I went on shore and
bought one foot load of yams and one of
cocconuts. The men were entirely naked and
the only article the women had for clothing
was a green leaf. The women to be great
there. I did not land but got as near
near enough for them to trade off with their
things. I paid them in Iron Nails. They
understood trading well as they would want
a piece of soap six inches long for one
large yam.

Monday January 26

Very light variable winds, lay at anchor through
the night and this morning kept along the
coast to Westward. 2 canoes came off
with about a dozen yams.

Lat 9 00 Long 153 00 E

Tuesday January 27

Very light northerly winds, steering over
towards Gardner's Island. One canoe came
off with about two Buckets full of small
fish. Shaved down 60 lbs of oil.

Lat 8 58 N Long 152 58 E

Wednesday January 28

Very light northerly winds and calms steering
over towards Gardner's Island.

Saw a small Black bill Turtle

at 4 P.M. lowered and got a Blackfish
to the Starboard boat.

Lat 8 45 Long 152 57

Bark Genl Scott of Fairhaven

Thursday January 29th
Bry light variable winds ship between
Lizard Lander & Gardner, Saw nothing
Set 2:30 S Long 159° 20' East

Friday January 30th

Moderate Northerly winds ran down to
Robber Island and cut in with three
boats and got 4 lbs of seal 4 lbs of bones
and 40 Bunches of Bannocks for which I
paid in Iron Shells



Saturday January 31

Bry light variable winds and calms
Ship between Robber Island and New Ireland
at seven o'clock in the morning saw three
Whales and lowered all the boats for them
but the whals got galled and we
chased them until three o'clock in the
afternoon when they got out of sight to
windward in company on board
we received more whals further to the
Starboard boat and the Starboard boat
furloned to a large whale killed both
at O'clock in the evening got them to the
ship

Sunday February 1

Calms most of the day few hours at
daylight called all hands and cut in
our whaler at 9 o'clock furloned and started
the tugworks Ship between Robber and New
Ireland, one canoe came of from New Ireland
and brought nine small fish shaped like
a scup only much smaller
Set 2:30

Private Journal of Benjamin Blough, Master

Monday February 2^d 1855

Calm most of the time. Shik about fourteen miles from New Ireland quite a number of canoes come off with coconuts to sell

Employed at Beilung
Lat 2° 46' Long 151° 30'

Tuesday February 3

Very light winds and calm drifting about between New Ireland and our harbor

Blunt - quite a number of canoes come off from New Ireland to sell coconuts for their needs

Lat 2° 45' Long 151° 30'

Wednesday February 4

Very light winds from the N.E. to North steering N.W. and by the wind along the coast of New Ireland

Lat 2° 30' Long 151° 20'


Thursday February 5

Moderate winds from the N.E. to West steering N.W. and by the wind at daylight saw Sperm Whales four and got two one to the Starboard boat and one to the Larboard at dark

Look then to the Shik quite a number of canoes come off from New Ireland Newber Island West in sight from the North West

at Bark Genl Scott of Star Haven

Friday February 5
Fresh breeze from the N.W. at day
light called all hands and cut in
our whale it took five hours to cut her.
She in at noon started the by-catch
at dark New Ireland ten miles distant
Lat 2:41 South Long 152:30 true

Saturday February 6 
Fresh N.W. breeze up along the coast
of New Ireland. Employed at boiling
out our Blubber, at four o'clock in
the afternoon saw Sperm Whales and
lowered the boat for them at sunset
struck to the Starboard boat the whale
did not bring too at seven in
the evening took the Mal. to the S.W.
New Ireland ten miles distant
Lat 2:37 S Long 152:20 East

Sunday February 7
Light winds from the Westward at daylight
called all hands and cut in our whale
spoke a number of comers come ab from
New Ireland.
Employed at boiling
Lat 2:45 Long 152:25

Monday February 8
Light S.W. winds cruising off New Ireland
saw Sperm Whales just at night
but they got galled just above us got
to them by comers
Lat 2:40 Long 152:30 East

Journal of Benjamin Cloesgr.

Tuesdoy Feb 10th 1857

Moderate winds from the S.W. cruising off New Ireland at nine o'clock in the forenoon saw sperm whales got one to the Bow Boat and another to the Starboard boat at four P.M. commenced cutting at Seorey finished

Showed down thirty two bl of oil

Lat 2:30 S Long 151 35 E

Wednesday Feb 11

Moderate Northerly winds with heavy rain most of the day shot under sheet sail as the decks are very much lumbered up New Ireland to the S.W.

Thursday February 12 No Obs

Moderate winds from the North to N.W. cruising off New Ireland Showed down 70 bl of oil Employed at Baiting

Lat 2 38 S Long 151 30

Friday February 13 E

Moderate Westerly winds cruising off New Ireland looking at daylight

Saw a number of coming across of birds oceanic Lat 2 40 S Long 151 37 E

Saturday February 14

Very light winds and calm cruising off New Ireland Sailing in sight

Hooper Employed at setting up Fleasheet

Lat 2:46 S Long 151 26 East

Master of Bark Capt. Scott of Fair Haven

Sunday February 15th 1857

Very light westerly wind causing the vessel
to lie to; at noon saw sperm whales
a school of 6 or 7 with a large whale
with them. Struck the large whale to the
Starboard beam killed to the Starboard
at 4 P.M. took him to the ship
commenced cutting and got his head
partly off and at dark were short to
take him of when the whale I should
think would make 800 or nearly 1000
Set 2:38 S by 15° 20' East

Monday Feb 15

Commenced with fine weather at daylight
commenced cutting at noon got his head
off and body in all of the afternoon
it rained as hard as I ever saw it with
considerable wind so much so that we
could not get our head in
at dark thick rainy weather

Tuesday Feb 17th

Cut in our head to day and commenced
boiling after I had got his case boiled
I hoisted it in on deck and had as
heavy a haul as ever I had on a
windlass I think the whale will make
one hundred lbs of oil

The weather cleared of about twelve
o'clock last night

We have got drifted some twenty miles
to the N.E. of where we got our whale

Private Journal of Benja. Clough Master

Wednesday February 18th 1857

Too much snow from the N.E. with frequent squalls of rain so much so that we had to stop boiling several times a great deal of our oil runs out of the stiller in the flubber, so that we must lose considerable oil

Set 2:18 S Log 151:50 East

Thursday February 19

Light S.W. winds most of the day except about noon when we had a heavy fall of rain which lasted about three hours just before the squall came up we saw either sperm whales or blackfish and after it cleared away I could not find them again. The land of New Iceland just in sight from mast head we have a current that sets us off so much that I fear it will be hard getting back when we get our whale R.C.

Friday February 20

Light winds from the South to East trying to work the ship up towards where we saw the whale which to the S.E. as far as we can see from mast head at sunset touched ship within eight miles of the West end of New Iceland

Heaved down 80 bls of oil
Set 2:18 A

Saturday February 21

Light Easterly winds ship down in the New Hemers trying to get to the Eastward with a head wind and strong Westerly current I cannot come off with a little better shell

Set 2:19 A Log 150:10 East

1 Bark Genl. Scott of New Haven

Sunday February 22nd 1857

Light winds from the E & S.E. to north
trying to get to the Eastward at daylight
saw St. Mathias Island to the N.W.
at dark the nearest land of New Haven
to the southeast six miles distant. Ship Tuesday
E. & S.E. wind with

Set 2:10 South Sog 150 10

Monday February 23rd

Very light winds from North to West
steering to the East just wind enough
to head the current four corners came off
from New Haven with a few turkeys and
a little turtle shells

Steamed down 57 lbs of oil

Set 2:12 Sog 150 20

Tuesday Feb 24

Light Westerly winds steering to the Eastward
at dark got down within about ten miles
of where we have seen whales

Set 2:20 S Sog 151 00 East

Wednesday Feb 25

Very light westerly wind cruising off Cape Kellew
at noon saw Spinn Whales and followed
for them the whales being ten miles off
but they were going so quick up the coast
that we could not get up to them
at dark came on board and left them
going up into a small bay where we
got on board of the Ship. The Shipboarders
reported more whales to the eastward
coming to the west along the shore
saw within a short distance of the shore

Set 2:38 S Sog 151 30

Private Journal of Benjamin Blough Master of

Thursday February 15th 1851

Light variable winds cruising off New Ireland at noon saw sperm whale a very large school of very small ones and Calves very much scattered fastened and killed one to the starboard boat at seven o'clock in the evening took him to the ship. I set another to spy on very thick blast but it came on night and we did not get him at dark. He carried 5 mels oil
Lat 2:38 N Long 151 30

Friday February 17

Light variable winds most of the time the later part of the night very heavy at seven o'clock this morning heeled on and cut in our whale and commenced boiling had to cool down several times on account of the rain
Lat 2:33 S Long 151 20 East

Saturday February 18

Very light winds from N.W. cruising off New Ireland but I think we are to far off shore to see whale the current is so strong it is hard to in the right place for whale

Finished boiling at daylight this morning

My log one year old to day
Lat 2 33 S Long 150 10 West

Bank General Scott & Fitch

Sunday March 1st 1857

Slight westerly wind, cruising off New
Haven quite handy in quite a number
of canoes came off with accounts to sell
At 4 PM saw 3 sperm whales leeward
and got one to the Starboard boat
and another to the foreboat
at dusk took them to the shore
Lat 2° 38' South Long 151° 30'

Monday March 2

Moderate winds from the Westward with some
heavy squalls; at six o'clock this morning
commenced cutting our whals at nine
finished; at noon started the bycatch
but had to cut down again on
account of squalls

Lat 2° 43' Long 151° 45'

Tuesday March 3

Strong winds from the Westward later part
heavy squalls of wind and rain at 3 PM
shot a two red, at the top of the boat
another at seven o'clock this morning
finished Berling

Lat 2° 40' S Long 151° 33'

Wednesday March 4

Slight westerly wind, with some heavy squalls
quite a number of canoes came off
Lat 2° 43' Long 151° 30' Lat

Minute Journal of Benja. Clough Master

Thursday March 5th 1857
Wind from Wst to S.W. with heavy
S. & S.W. steering N.E. 1/4 N.
heavy squalls of wind and rain.
Hove down 45 Barrels of oil
Set by clock 1:30 Sent Log 151.00 Cost

Friday March 6th
Most of the time light variable winds with
rain. But one heavy squall in the morning.
Steering North and by the wind
R. 7/8

Saturday March 7th
Light southerly winds steering to the North.
The watch employed at working the ship
inside, & the cooper setting up shooks.
Set 00:11 North Log 151:30 Cost

Sunday March 8th
Light variable winds mostly from the
Westward steering to the North.
Saw a Finback the first for some time.
Set 01:40 North Log 151.00 Cost

Monday March 9th
Light winds from the N.W. to East
steering by the wind N.W. by East and
N.E. 1/4 W. Employed at repairing the
Hammock & Cooper setting up shooks.
Set 03:00 North Log 151.00

Bark Genl Scott of New Haven

Tuesday March 10th 1857

Moderate Easterly winds steering N^o W. by W
with all sail out

Wednesday March 11

Light winds from the E S E steering
N^o W with all sail out

Broke out the Starboard side of the
fore hold and stowed new casks for
water as I thought the others might be
deceitful

Lat 65:00 North Long 149 50 East

Thursday March 12

Moderate N^o E trades; steering N^o by E
Cooper employed at setting lub sheels &
the watch at the rigging

Lat 5:24 North Long 148 00 East

Friday March 13

Light Easterly winds steering N by N
with all sail out Employed at stowing
casks for water on the Starboard side of
the fore hold

Lat 5:55 North Long

Saturday March 14

Moderate Easterly winds steering West by South
until daylight when I kept her N^o E by N
Cooper at work in sheels and the watch
at work in the rigging

Caught Eight Albion

Lat 6:11 North Long 145 32

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Sunday March 15th 1857
Light winds from N.E. to West steering
N.E. 1/2 N. and by the wind frequent
squalls of rain

Lat 66:30 North Long 144:35 East

Monday March 16th
Very light northerly winds steering N.E. 1/2 N.
under all sail. Employed on flag at
hanging down some sheeting from the foremast
Hatchway to the waist coopers setting up sheaves
Lat 66:40 North Long 142:40 E

Tuesday March 17
Moderate N.E. winds steering N.E. 1/2 E to
with all sail cut.
Lat 7:24 North Long 142:20 E

Wednesday March 18
Fresh breeze from the E.S.E. steering
N.E. 1/2 N. with all sail cut
Employed at painting the water ways
and inside of the plank beam
At 4 P.M. saw McKenzie's Group of
Islands we saw thirteen of them and
the largest did not seem a mile
in circumference
Lat at 4 P.M. 9:40 North Long 140 00 East

of Bark General Scott & River Hawk

Thursday March 19th 1857
Strong N.E. and strong West wind till
daylight when we made the Island of
Yap to the N.S.W. and went down to
it quite a number of canoes came
of to the ship and I pulled in
to the Harbor with the boat I found
it to be an excellent harbor when
a ship can get in, but the entrance
very narrow so much so that there
was not room enough to war or stay
I expected to find a messenger here
to come last year in the Ship Trigenia
but the natives would give no account
of him and I did not think it
safe to trust any ship in the
harbor

Private Journal of Benja Clough

Friday March 20th 1854

Strong N^o E breeze steering by the
wind to the N. W. with all
sail cut Employed at Middle
stitching the Main top gallant sail and the
repairing the Fore top gallant sail
Set 11:10 North Log 135:55 East

Saturday March 21

Strong N^o W breeze steering by the wind
to the N. E. under top sails
Sent down the old fore sail and bent
another. Later part strong winds with squalls
Set 12:13 Log

Sunday March 22

Strong winds from the N^o E to N^o W
steering by the wind to the N^o W
under two reef top sails

Frequent heavy squalls of wind and
rain

Monday March 23

Very strong winds from the N^o E
steering by the wind to the N^o W
under two reef top sails

Set 14:34 Log 129:35 East

Tuesday March 24

Very strong winds from the N^o E
steering by the wind to the N^o W
under two reef top sails and

Fore sail very rough

Set 15:48 Log 123:48

Master of Bark Gent Scott of Thurston

Wednesday March 25th 1857
Very strong wind from the N.E. steering
by the wind under two reefed mainsails
close reefed foretopail and foresail
Set 17:00 North Seng 127 47 East

Thursday March 26th
Strong gales from the N.E. steering by the
wind under a two reefed mainsail
and three reefed foretopail and foresail
very rough Set 18 05 Seng 127 03 East

Friday March 27th
Strong N.E. gales steering by the wind
to the N.E. with two reefed mainsails
and three reefed foretopail and foresail
Later part a little more moderate and
I set the mainsail ^{Star}
Set 19:10 North Seng 125 55 East

Saturday March 28th
Strong N.E. winds steering by the wind
to the N.E. with a two reefed main-
sails and three foretopail foresail
and mainsail ^{Brent}
Set 20 28 Seng 125 25 East

Sunday March 29th
Strong N.E. wind steering by the wind
under two reefs and courses
For the last week the wind has been
very strong nearly a gale & very rough
the ship labouring head and leaking
badly from carrying so much sail
to keep her from getting to Leeward
on to Lutzen
Set 21:38 North Seng 124 00 East

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Private Journal of Benjamin Colver

Monday March 30th 1847

Strong winds from the N^oE steering
by the wind to the N^oW under
two reef topsails and crosses
Repaired the foremast and mizzen sticks
the mainmast, Took a new side of
leather and covered the Bellows for the
Blacksmith as the old one was so rotten
that it was of no use
Set 23:00 North Long 122:55 Lat 4 S 11

Tuesday March 31

First part nearly calm but at sunrise it
began to blow on from the northeast at
all sail in but set, 1 foresail and close reef, 1
fore topsail and two reef, 1 main topsail
and main stenc & fore staysail
at four o'clock took in the fore topsail
clearly with fine rain in the

Set 23:20 Long 123 10 East
Wednesday April 1st

Commenced with a gale from the N^oW
steering by the wind to the Eastward
with short sail out until seven o'clock
in the forenoon when the wind died
away and I was ship to the N^oW
and made two reefs, Repaired the fly jib
its two feet saw the Islands of the
northeast at dusk it bore N^oE 13 miles dist
Set 24:00 N Long 122 51 East

Master of Bark Genl Scott of Fowher.

Thursday April 2th 1857
Light winds from the overboard to E. N. E.
starting by the wind to the N. W. until
four o'clock when we got in quick hearing to
the rocks of the N. E. end of Fowher when
I touched ship to the Eastward
later past strong wind I took under two
reefed topsails

Lat 25 12 N Long 122:40 East

Friday April 3

Strong winds from the N. E. clearing by the wind
to the E. S. E. until midnight when I touched to
the N. W. end with fine rain

Got up the ship short

Lat by alt. 25:00 Long 122 11

Saturday April 4

Moderate winds from the N. E. clearing to the E. S. E.
until three o'clock this morning when we touched to the
N. W. end men saw the land (the Coast of Fowher)
the N. W. saw fifty or sixty Chinese Junk
fishermen &c. saw young men

Lat 27:48 North Long 120 57 East

Sunday April 5

Very light winds from the East to E. S. E. until
midnight when it died away calm and somewhat
so until two o'clock this afternoon when a light wind
sprang up from the S. E. when I left for N. E. by 4
at 4 P.M. the wind about half past one off to the
N. W. had a full rigging being steering to the
North I bore a Chinese fishing boat
and got aboard of fish

Lat 28 00 N Long 121 55 East

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Monday April 6 1857

Light winds from the S E to S W steering
N. E. with all sail out

Washed and painted one side of the Ship

& Repaired the Main topseil

Cooper setting up cheeks

Lat 25:50 North Long 124 55 East

Tuesday April 7

Light winds from the southward steering N. E.
with all sail out Employed at painting
ship out side & I thought I would
give her a white, monkey rail so that I
could distinguish her amongst other
ships when I get up north

Lat 29:45 Long 124:00 East

Wednesday April 8

Fresh winds from the Southward steering
N. E. & N. with all sail out,

Painted the ship inside

At noon I found that the main topseil
was spring and when I came to examine
it I found it so rotten that it was
half dead wood so I cut it down
stripped it and fitted another and got
it aloft in five hours and the sail

Lat 31:48 N Long 125:22 East

Thursday April 9

Light winds from the S W steering N. E.
with all sail out at daylight made
the Island of Quilbert in view the
at 8 and leaving port

Employed at repairing the mainmast

Lat 33:28 N Long 126:50 East

Quilbert

Dark General Soil of this Shore

Justport seems to very densely populated
on the Eastern side and highly cultivated
the ground being all planted with potatoes
of a few years, about a mile back from
the sea shore and within two or three miles
of whether were villages with two or three
hundred houses in them. The houses seemed
to have thatched roofs. I saw a few
groves of trees which seemed to be laid
out for ornamental purposes
in the interior the land is maintained

Friday April 10

Commenced with a light S.W. wind
steering at E. by E. Middle part calm
at daylight the wind freshened out to the
N.E. and blew on strong. I stood on
the southern tack until eleven o'clock
in the forenoon when the ship was ordered
to the Coast of Peru in the lat 4.30
I then looked to the S.E. and stood all
day at dark the light of Guernica bearing
East fifteen miles Ship under two reefs
and under

Lat 4.30. alt. Long 128.40

Strong N.E. wind blowing up the length of
Coast at sunset blew in under Guernica
which seems highly cultivated at dark
the wind came off the land so that we could
head our course N.W. by E. the wind cut
Lat 4.30. alt. Long 129.11 East

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough

Sunday April 12th 1857

Commenced with a light S.E. wind steering N.E. & E. untill two o'clock this morning when we passed the Island & then kept her ~~N.E. & E.~~ up the sea in the morning the wind hauled to the southward with rain and kept increasing gradually all day at four o'clock in the afternoon I close reefed the topsails and rebent the foresail to get her snug before night

Lat 36:10:11 Long 130:40 East

Monday April 13th

Commenced with a gale from the S.W. steering N.E. & E. at midnight the wind died away and it remained calm untill day light when it blew up strong from the N.E. & E. and I made four hour tacks to work up towards the N.W. Island which bore N.W. & E. ten miles distant under close reefs untill three o'clock in the afternoon when it grew more moderate and I made the courses at sunset the Island bore five miles

Lat 37:02 North Long 131:37 East

Tuesday April 14th

Sight of 4th winds steering in different tracks Sighted the Black Eagle of Say Harbor & Gratitude of New Bedford saw two more sails and a Japanese Junk at dusk P.M. Island to the Westward twenty miles

Lat 37:17 North Long

Wrote to Rich General Secret of War House

Wednesday April 15th 1857

Light winds from the S.E. steering to the
northward of by which the morning saw the
light whales going quick to the S.E. line and
chased them untill noon when the
wind died away and they went out of
sight. Saw three seals one of them looking
N.B. Obs

Thursday April 16th

First part calm with rain middle part moderate
to winds from the E. N.E. steering by the
wind to the Northward ends with light
winds from the E.S.E. steering by the wind
saw several Humpbacks

Lat 38:38 North Long 133:38 East

Friday April 17

Moderate westerly winds steering East saw
several Humpbacks

Employed at repairing the Jib set up board

Lat 39:10 North Long 135:00

Saturday April 18

Light winds from the Northward to East steering
steering by the wind and East employed at
making jibs for the boats

Lat 39:03 South Long 136:30 East

Sunday April 19th

Nearly calm the whole morning four hours; but
ends with light winds from the N.E. steering
by the wind to the E.S.E. with all
sail out

Lat 39:10 North Long 137:09 East

Practical Journal of Benjⁿ. Clough Master

Monday April 20th 1857

Fresh breeze from the N^oE to East ship on different tacks as the wind hauls at dusk wind East ship heading N^oE.

Lat 40:00 North Long 137 18 East

Tuesday April 21st

Strong wind from the N^oE to N^oN^oW, steering by the wind and N^oE under topsails and courses untill Sunset when I put two reefs in the topsails Saw quite a number of Humpbacks & two Japanese junks

Lat 40:20 North Long 138 35 East

Wednesday April 22

A strong gale from the N^oN^oW, lay in under a close reef, main & sail and the staysail at five o'clock in the afternoon the wind died away and we made two reefs topsails

Lat 41:00 North Long 139:35 East

Thursday April 23

Commenced with light wind from the N^oN^oW in the morning calm at nine o'clock in the forenoon the breeze sprang up from the E S E at noon strong winds and I double reefed the topsails and took in the Stic and mainsail at daylight saw the land covered with snow and saw the Straights of Matmai to the N^oE and we have been beating up all day into the Straights at noon saw the City of Matmai at dusk about twenty miles to the northward of the city at dusk Wind strong from the E S E.

Lat 41:20 North Long 140 05 East

1. Bark Genl Scott at Fair Haven

Friday April 24th 1857

A gale of wind from the E & S with under
short sail heading about in the Straights of
Hudson this morning ran under the lee of the
Point Hudson the east part a grade bay
and stay a few hours in smooth water
in the afternoon it blew on so strong
with fog and rain that I thought it best
to run out of the Straights to S.W. and
at three o'clock kept her off and ran about
ten miles when the wind came out to
S.W. at dark a heavy sea running from
the Eastward and strong wind from the
S.W. Saw quite a number of houses
on the Point and men walking about
& some bullock and horses

There did not seem to be anything green
growing on shore and I think they must
have a very late season as there is
some patches of snow almost down to
the beach

Saturday April 25

A strong gale from the S.W. driving under
short sail in the Straights in the
morning more moderate at noon spoke the
Ship Southampton of New Bedford with
her season bound to the Circle
reports ship doing nothing in the Hudson Sea
at four P.M. the vessel hauled out to
the N.W. and the weather cleared up and
I found the Ship out of the Straights to
the Eastward

Private Journal of Benj. Clough & Son

Sunday April 26th 1857

Commenced with strong S.E. winds laying under short sail to the Eastward of the Straights of Matamoras at daylight kept her off N.W. W. till about noon at El Estero de San Mateo the vessel at N.E. part of the Straights and ran within about ten miles of Hualdeco when the wind died away and the current carried us about all of the afternoon at dusk saw a ship to the westward among through the Straights

I mean we lost our chains and got the anchors off of the bows but had to secure them again

Set 41.450 fms 140 on E

Monday April 27

Commenced with a calm at daylight we had a wind from the S.W. and beat up within ten miles of the port when the tide made ahead and we had all we could do to hold on and at dusk we had not gained anything since nine o'clock this morning so I think we must have been hours back

Tuesday April 28

Light S.W. winds at noon let go the anchor at Hualdeco

Wednesday April 29

At anchor at Hualdeco

Thursday April 30

at anchor at Hualdeco

Dear Friend at Salt & Sugar Store

Friday May 1st 1857
at anchor at Hakodadi

Saturday May 2 1857

Leaving at anchor at Hakodadi

The Captain went to sea

Sunday May 3rd

Leaving at anchor at Hakodadi

The Bark Deermok of San Francisco

a Esquimaux of Henry Henry came on to sea

Monday May 4

Commenced with light variable winds calm at half past four this morning & took my anchor at about out of the harbour at four o'clock got a wind from the Eastward at dusk the ship off the north cape of the south Island a few feet with an Island and shoal a short distance from it

Tuesday May 5

Commenced with a light Easterly wind and thick fog thick in the Straights of Matsumi making out at ten o'clock last night the wind hauled to the N.W. and kept the ship as near for the mouth of the Straights as I could in a thick fog at daylight

the wind hauled to the S.E. at the S.E. point of the coast to the southern of the Straights for 3 or 4 miles I kept her on the wind to the N.W. until dusk when we set up to the land of the N.E. point of Matsumi Bay then I hauled

Huckelbush

Kindle Journal Benjamin Church Master

Wednesday May 5 1857

Strong wind from the E. S. E. Ship off Cape Henry heaving to windward under short sail; weather thick and overcast with some rain

Lat about 42:00 North Long 142:50 East

Thursday May 7 1857

First part slight wind from the E. & gradually to the S. W. wind until noon when she heeled her course S. W. at sunset nearly calm

Lat 41 12 Long 143 12

Friday May 8 1857

Slight wind from the E. to S. E. steering by the wind and S. E. at dark wind S. E. hauled to the S. W. 14 miles

Lat 41:33 N Long 143:42 East

Saturday May 9 1857

First part moderate wind from the S. E. steering by the wind to the E. S. E. middle part later part thick with driving rain ship under two reefed sails and Course

Sunday May 10 1857

Strong Gale from the S. E. steering by the wind on both tacks that part very rough at the time at dark both tacks hauled to the S. W. and a very heavy swell from the S. E. Barometer fell to 29 inches

Book General Scott of Thurehere

Monday May 11th 1831

Commenced with a light wind from
the N.W. but soon increased to a gale
blowing East under a close red & warm
stratus cloud the temperature was
in the morning but her came to the
wind, at four P.M. fell to N.E.
& by 11 and set the temperature
increased to 13.00 S.W. by 14.30 East

Tuesday May 12th

Commenced with a gale from the N.W. steady
by South under a close red & warm stratus
and foggy; the tide fast moderate, all
sail set later fast under at last a
light wind from the Eastward shot
leading to the N.E. & E.

Lat 43:11 North Long 14:30 East

Wednesday May 13th

Light winds from the N.E. & S.E. steady at 8 AM
with much foggy sail set under with good
East at 11 P.M. company Island chills
the water set 44.40 North Long 14:22 East

Thursday May 14th

Commenced with strong E.N.E. wind steady
by the night in different but under a light
foggy & hot day in the morning to the afternoon
it was made good in the night by the wind
at four P.M. it fell to S.W. and by the
dawn of the next day had the S.W.
wind of company Island bearing East
Lat 42:40 North Long 11:0 17

Vessel's Name of Benjamin Elough Chatter

Friday May 15th 1857

Light E & W wind steering N W into the
bay from five o'clock until ten
at least a snow storm. The water very
smooth Lat 47:06 North Long 148:34

Saturday May 16th

Calm and a very light wind from the N E
part of the north; at ten o'clock in the forenoon
the wind came out to the southeast and
continued so all day

Took our lumber rack from the Starboard
side of the between decks and put it on
the Starboard side and made a bon
fire on the Starboard side of the fore hold
Lat 48:46 North Long 148:34 East

Sunday May 17th

Light wind from the Southeast steering north
with all sail set later part very light
westerly wind

Lat 50:46 North Long 148:34 East

Monday May 18th

First part light westerly winds and the
part ahead of the wind later part
strong westerly winds steering north
and by the wind

Lat 52:42 North Long 148:48 East

Tuesday May 19th

Strong winds from the Westward steering
North with all sail set

Lat 54:52 North Long 148:58 East

With General Scott of New Haven

Wednesday May 20th

Commenced with moderate southerly wind
starting with a cold fog which in the
evening when we made the sea. Weather
just as we I came with the wind at the
storm West along the Se

Lat 50:01 Long 148:33 W

Thursday May 21

Fresh breeze from the N.E. starting 11:25 A.M. 66
Saw four seals starting to the westward
at six o'clock in the evening saw Venus Island
to the N.W.

Lat 50:01 Long 144:00

Friday May 22

Went out with the boat strong current from
the S.W. starting by the wind to the W. 10:00
saw a ship in the morning showing a blue signal
with a white ball the signal square with
a swallow tail with a full length female
figure head at ten o'clock in the forenoon
picked up a whale at five o'clock in the
afternoon got him out in the boat two boys
from in him started Alice and two others of
line Venus Island starting East got in at 11
o'clock saw 4 seals when I was cutting
that seemed to be whaling

Saturday May 23

Moderate wind from the N.E. to storm by the wind
to the N.W. saw about four different whales
struck one to the forenoon and part of
the line about 10 fathoms in it proving to
rotten Saw one ship got a whale

Lat 57:00 Long 142:00

Private Journal of Benjamin Cough

Sunday May 24th 1857

Light wind. From N. S. W. 1 1877.5
at noon saw quite a number of
whales at two P.M. struck to the Boat
-board and killed to the Starboard
at five P.M. commenced cutting

Venus Island S E 25 miles just in sight
from the Westward Vals & Mary Frager 1 whale

Lat 56 30 Venus Island S E

Monday May 25

Light wind from N. S. W. to North evening
finished cutting our whale at nine o'clock last
night and commenced dory saw but four
whales to day

Lat 56 45 Venus Island S E

Tuesday May 26

First boat strong southerly winds with
fog steering by the wind to the westward
later part clear weather saw but two
whales and gathered them Employed at Bury

Lat 56 18 Long 142 00

Wednesday May 27

Light Easterly wind steering by the wind
to the southeast finished cutting at seven
o'clock this morning. Steved down 150 lb
of oil on the Starboard side of the Boat
at five o'clock in the afternoon saw the Sea
and saw saws three of them looking

What I see see is very scattering

Notes of Wash. Hunt South of New Haven

Thursday May 28th 1857

Went out 10 AM with crew, off the ship. They
saw a few whales at 10 AM. I saw a whale at 11 AM
at 12 AM saw other ships in sight.
Lat 58° 00'

Friday May 29th

Light wind and calm. Sailing about the ice
saw other ships in sight. No Whales.

Saturday May 30

(Moderate Breeze) wind at dusk last
night left the ship at 10 PM in company with the
warren. In the morning saw whales. The Warren
struck and got one early in the morning. &
we chased them until two o'clock in the afternoon,
running off to the N.W. I should think about
twenty miles - after chasing the last whale
I took up the boat and left it to the crew
to the S.E. and stood until 4 1/2 PM without
seeing anything when I looked to the west
at seven o'clock in the afternoon, saw whales again
and struck to the Starboard boat got four
line and parted falling the boat was then
full of water if we had not parted it would
have filled the boat

Sunday May 31

Strong wind from the S.W. to S.E. at night
hit saw whales and galled at noon saw more
parted to the West boat got the whale a
speaking this time then he went down and
parted the line saw more and lowered
for them and at sunset thick
weather in the morning saw Jones Island
to the S.E.

Private Journal of Benjamin Leach Master

Monday June 1st 1837

Strong southerly winds with thick weather.
Saw the Ship Anzout & whals Charles Phelps
& whals and Harmony & whal
Saw a plenty of Ice
Stowed down 25 bl of oil

Tuesday June 2

Strong S & E winds very with the moon
went black untill daylight when it kept
to the E & S & untill eight o'clock when then
drifted to the west under two sails;
Saw strong winds with snow and
rain all day thick fog

Wednesday June 3

Very foggy with calm at nine o'clock
last night the wind moved to the
P & E when we started to the E & S & E and
made the ice sea. First sight of Booby
at four till the wind headed to the
E & S & E and I looked to the westward
to try to find the whals again.
Set 55 18 (1837) Long 144 40

Thursday June 4

Strong S & E winds stormy to the west
to the E & S & E untill daylight when
I wore ship to the S & S & E
Saw Ice at noon
Set 55 40 Long

at Rich General South of Blue River

Friday June 5 1837

Strong S.E. winds with thick weather
laying under the lee of the V. spoke
the Barnstable nothing Kingfisher 2 Whales
Atlantic 3 Whales 1 Herring nothing Whence Barnstable
2 Whales

Saturday June 6

Commenced with strong S.E. wind Middle
part light winds Sailed past 10:00 near water
Ship close in to the Sea
Lat 56:33

Sunday June 7

Light variable winds with fog thick laying
about the V. nothing in sight but Ships
Lat 56:30 Long 142:11 East

Monday June 8

Light S.E. winds steering to the E. N. E.
Spoke the Vincer nothing this season & Barnstable
nothing this season

Lat 56:32 Long 142:38 East

Tuesday June 9

Light winds from the S.E. steering N. by E.
Saw all sight out saw two Humpbacks
and one Grubback saw a large number
of white bellied ducks flying about the ship
Thick weather most of the day.

Lat 57:30

Private Journal of Wm. J. Leary

Wednesday June 10th 1847
light southerly winds blowing to the southeast
nothing in sight

Thursday June 11th
light winds from the S.W. steering
to the N.E. at daylight made the
land and ran in quite handy to
the beach and saw whales but lowered
without success at four P.M. got
down to the East end of the long beach
and saw quite a number of whales
saw the Allie get three

Friday June 12th
light winds from the S.E. I took another
boat and went into the beach saw
quite a number of whales but could not
get on to them. Saw the Allie get
a whale

Saturday June 13th
strong gale from the E.S.E. with under
short sail on different tacks off Horse Shoe
Bay thick fog with rain

Sunday June 14th
Commenced with a strong gale from the
E.S.E. in the morning more moderate
at noon went back into the wind
beach to look for whales but saw
nothing. Ends with a light wind from
the S.W.

Master of Breeze Gun! Will of Thompson

Monday June 15
Light wind from the Southwest
Saw the Makahs in the water

Tuesday June 16
Light wind from the Southwest
at noon let go the anchor at
Three Tree Bay the Three Brothers, Jim &
Subalter & Breeze at anchor

Wednesday June 17
Moderate N.E. winds at anchor at Three Tree
Bay sent two Boats down to the long beach
and they did not get back and around
to the Three Brothers Bay myself saw three
whales one when going and another at
the reef when I got back

Thursday Wednesday June 18
Heavy N.E. winds laying at anchor at
Three Tree Bay seeing saw 5 Whales

Friday June 19
Light N.E. winds at anchor at Three
Tree Bay saw one whale

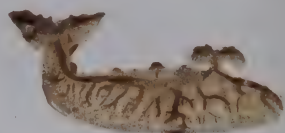
Saturday June 20
Very light winds and calm at noon took
our anchor to try to get to see to look
for whales and have been drifting about in
a calm all of the afternoon and with
a calm

Sunday 21 Shot Capt. Woodcock of
the Three Brothers a Sperm Whale for
nine dollars and a first class gun which
which we not paid for

Private Journal of Benjamin Cleveland Master

Sunday June 21st 1857

Very light westerly winds and calms
first part employed at beating out
of Hershee Bay later part steering to
the Eastward Three Brothers in company
Ship about 50 miles to the West of the Cape
Lat 59 20 Long 137 10



Monday June 22

Light westerly winds steering East with
all sail out at noon saw a dead
whale and took him along side
at five o'clock finished cutting
No found a broken gun in the whale
marked S. C. 1E & I suppose he was
lost by the ship Commodore Sherwood

Tuesday June 23

Light winds from the Westward steering
East with all sail out at daylight
off the West entrance of Farnish Bay
saw three ships at anchor & the Three
Brothers steering to the Eastward
At noon Pitt Boat at anchor to the
E. of E. fifteen miles. Docking

Wednesday June 24

Calm most of the day the ship off
the passage between Cape Allen & Booths
Island At noon finished boiling
this afternoon we made hot water
in our trypots and washed our
as it had a great deal of oil on
it

Lat 58:40 North 131:30 East

Back General Sall of the Steamer

Thursday June 25 1857

Calm the whole twenty four hours. Ship off
Cape Oliva. Two Sails in sight one
working to the West and the other to the
East Lat 58°45 Long 131°40

Friday June 26 1857

Post part calm. Clear part light westerly
winds, steering to the Eastward with all
sail set. Sailed to the north. Low water.
Stepped down 55 Bls of oil

Three Brothers in company
Lat 58°40 Long 132°00

Saturday June 27

Light S.W. winds steering to the Eastward
at low velocity. made the Sea and had
a steer to the eastward for four to get
around it

Lat 58°46 Long 133°30

Sunday June 28

Sailed from the Seaboard Steamer
E.C.P.E. copies most of the time

Three Brothers in sight all day. At
in the afternoon saw a wild Goose
flying in the water. Killed and shot
him. Lat 58°33 Long 135°10

Monday June 29

Sailed from the Seaboard Steamer
to E.C.P.E. in a thick fog

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough

Tuesday June 30 1857

Light winds from the southeast and calm steering to E. S. E. at seven o'clock this morning the fog cleared up some and we saw the land the sand point & three shots neither of them hitting Set B 9 30 North Long 150 00 East

Wednesday July 1st

Light variable winds cruising up and down the land Eleven shots in sight one whale seen and he was got by the Champion

Thursday July 2nd

Light wind all the day - cruising saw nothing ten shots in sight 2 old whales

Friday July 3rd

Light variable winds sent three Boats into the land this morning to look for whale they returned and two of the men described three Batten & Robert Batten twelve Ships in sight

Saturday July 4th

Light variable winds and calms only one whale seen and he was caught by the Megerist

Sunday July 5th

Light variable winds saw eight or ten whales some were shot but were not taken up some of the shot

Master of George General Scott of New Haven

Monday July 3

Slight winds and calm went on shore
to try to get my men but the Indians
could not find them saw no whales

Tuesday July 4

First part light southerly winds later
part calm Saw no whales

Wednesday July 5

Slight winds and calms had the boats in
shore to look for whales saw three from
the ship

Thursday July 6

Calm Saw a few whales
goon quick

Friday July 10

Moderate S.W. winds and calms. Later part
breeze saw quite a number of whales
but it came in foggy and I did go
the anchors about three miles from the shore
in

Saturday July 11

Slight S.W. winds with fog sent in the boats
and they saw a few whales off the rock
at low P.M. parted our chains and lost
fastenings

Paul's Journal of Benjamin Elough Carter

Sunday July 12th 1851

Thick fog most of the day with a moderate wind from the S.W. carrying topsails. We had been going up the Gulf.

Monday July 13

Strong S.W. wind with thick fog. Ship under topsails and courses to hold on.

Tuesday July 14

Light S.W. winds with fog carrying sail enough to hold on.

Wednesday July 15

First part light southeast wind but at eight o'clock this morning it came on to blow from the S.W. with a thick fog. In the morning the adverse winds off the rock.

Thursday July 16

Saw quite a number of whales but could not get on between the reef & rock.

Friday July 17

Saw but two whales. Bought a swimmer and anchor of the Ship Three Brothers and gave \$14 dollars and gave a draft on Nathan Church & Son in favor of Thomas Spence of Amherst.

at Bark General with a few others

Saturday July 18

Saw about fifty whales off the Red Bluff but could not get any



Sunday July 19

Light easterly wind commencing off the Red Bluff saw a flock of whales. Struck one to the starboard boat & killed with the Irons and at noon took him to the ship at six o'clock in the afternoon finished cutting



Monday July 20

Calm most of the day at last saw a whale at noon took him to the ship at sunset the dead whale six miles to the southwest of the ship

Tuesday July 21

At one o'clock this morning commenced cutting at eight finished July part took four the mate of the three brothers lost the ship in the fog and came on board of us at noon started the try works

Wednesday July 22

Light S.W. wind and thick fog most of the day at two P.M. the fog cleared some and we saw the three Brothers & the mate went on board at five P.M. saw two whales to the southeast of the Red Bluff heading to the south

Private Journal of Benjamin Clough

Thursday July 23^d 1857

Commenced with light southerly wind,
and thick fog Employed at boiling
Saw no whale Ship at the rock

Friday July 24

Light southerly winds Employed
at boiling sent the boat in to the
red bluff but saw nothing
Showed down 35 lb of oil

Saturday July 25

Light S.W. winds with fog nothing in
sight Employed at boiling

Sunday July 26

Light winds from the S.W. at daylight
sent in two boats they saw a flock
of whales but could not get on
At sunset finished boiling
Showed down 97 Bb of oil

Monday July 27

Light S.W. winds and calms saw but
one whale

Tuesday July 28

Calm most of the day saw but one
whale when one of the boats was rowing
along the shore a Bear started off into
the water and gave chase to the boat
they pulled up as soon as they were
with a line came and brought him
on board

Master of Bark General Left of Port Har.

Wednesday July 29th

Commences with strong winds from
the land and in the morning after
standing in shore and seeing nothing
I concluded to leave as I think the
season is over in the West India Gulf
I kept her M.S.W. under all sail
Ship Three Brothers in company
Took the Margaret and he is the east
sail up the Gulf

Thursday July 30

A strong P.M. wind and thick fog
Ship under a double reefed main topsail
& foresail

Friday July 31

Commences with fresh A.M. wind and
thick fog under two reefed topsails at ten
o'clock in the forenoon set abate topsails and
crosses the forenoon washed the ship's deck
& decks with lye & ciner

Saturday August 1

Commences with light southerly wind
steering by the wind to the westward
At ten o'clock in the forenoon the wind
hauling to the S.E. steering S.W. until
seven P.M. when I kept her S.S.W.
and gave orders to keep her South as soon
as it became dark

Employed at putting abate, laid in
our shacks in the forenoon

Diary Journal of Benjamin Clegg

Sunday August 2^d 1857

Commenced with a strong N.E. wind and fog steering South at seven o'clock the morning calm with heavy swell at eight it began to blow up from the S.S.W. with fog and rain at six P.M. took in the foresail at four P.M. took the belt that goes through the sprit to hook the outer Balsa filled it completely with a strap in the bowsprit

Monday August 3

Commenced with strong wind from the S.S.W. ship under storm sail at daylight moderate and made all sail thick fog most of the time at dark wind south very light I suppose the ship is still to the east of the Junk Islands

Tuesday August 4

Very light wind from the southeast steering by the wind to the N.S.W. thick fog all day

Wednesday August 5

Very light southerly wind at daylight the fog all cleared away. Saw Storm petrels. Boat steering to the westward. Land to the north twenty miles

Lat 58 40 Long 154 40

Master of Bark Genl Scott of New Haven.

Thursday August 6
Light wind from North to East
staring west with all sail out
at Sunset saw Cape Blegum Tern
muds dist Saw the Ship anemometer
and a schooner Sat

Friday August 7
Commenced with light wind from the
Northwest and calm in the morning at
seven o'clock Brought Island to the N.W.
and I left her S.W. by N. for the Shantar
in the afternoon the wind hauled to
the west ship heading S.S.W.
Sat 58:20 Long 152 00

Saturday August 8
Light wind from the westward staring
by the wind to the southeast excepting six
hours when the wind hauled to the S.W. and
I stood on the N.W. track took in
the west boat and put out the old
one Sat 57:28 Long 150 00

Sunday August 9
Strong wind from the N.W. to S.W.
staring by the wind to the southeast until
seven o'clock in the morning when it hauled
to the N.W. thick fog until four o'clock
in the afternoon Sat 56:40 Long 148 00

Monday August 10
Moderate S.W. wind staring by the wind to the
N.W. until six P.M. when I hauled to the
Southeast hauled the foretop to the jib and
split it sent it in and repaired it
Sat 56 50 Long 147 00 at six P.M.

Diurnal Journal of Benjamin Flood

Tuesday August 11th
Commenced with light S.W. winds
at five o'clock this morning the wind
began to blow South when I went for
W.S.W. at noon it came in thick
(2) Lat 56 30 Long

Wednesday August 12th
Moderate southerly winds steering by the current to
the W.S.W. with all sail set. Perceptible
in the ship here in the lower hold on the
starboard side cut a very severe ceiling
and half of at timber and found it to
be a tunnel hole in the middle of a
plank with rotten wood about two
inches around it I stopped it with
oakum and laid in the wood
Lat 55 38 Long 142 00

Thursday August 13th
Light southerly winds and calm steering
W.S.W. middle part calm and with
light easterly winds steering West
Lat 55 14 Long 140 00

Friday August 14th
First part moderate S.E. wind steering
west in a thick fog in the night rain
with thunder & lightning middle part
calm and fog clear part wind S.E.
and clear at dark Sound Island & W.W.
Bird Point & S.E. and I am steering
S.W. by S in for Seafar Bluff

Master of Bark. Hunt Scott of Fair Haven.

Saturday August 15

Strong winds from the N^o & Lay off and on. Scapin Bluff last night and this morning kept in and ran down to the Eastern passage into Shantou Bay & let go the anchor as it was night and the wind ahead saw four ships none of them sailing.

Sunday August 16

Light breezy winds at daylight North over anchor and boat brought into Shantou Bay saw a few whales when the tide turned we let go the anchor on the western entrance of the passage.

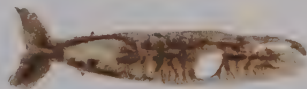
Monday Aug 17

Light N & W winds took our anchor in the morning and ran up to Selas Bluff saw no whales.

Tuesday August 18

Went at anchor off Selas Bluff saw five whales in the forenoon had strong winds from the N^o & W. Dredged ships at anchor in Shantou Bay.

Wednesday August 19



Light variable winds at anchor off Selas Bluff saw 5 whales. Struck and killed one to the foreland boat at dark towing of him.

Whale Journal of Benjamin Alvord

Thursday August 20th 1857

Calm most of the day at noon took over
whale along side at six o'clock in the
afternoon got him out in
saw six whales saw large numbers
of thick Greenhuses

Friday August 21st

light winds and calm saw quite a number
of whales struck to the west boat and
drew the Iron

Saturday August 22nd

light winds and calm saw quite a
number of whales but could not get on

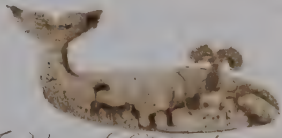
Sunday August 23rd

in the forenoon thick squally weather from
the N.E. with rain in the afternoon
fine weather no whales

Monday August 24th

light winds and calm saw no whales
in the morning got off our boat loads
of wood and then sent two boats to get
a small head of bone that they saw
on the shore I should think there was
about 100 lbs of it. At two P.M. got
the ship under weigh to run across
the bay to look for whales
at four P.M. started the trawlers

Master of Bark. General Scott Star Line.



Tuesday August 25
Sight southerly wind at noon commenced
an extraction off Eagle point saw a
large number of whales got close to the
first boat at dark the whale ten
miles from the ship.

Wednesday August 26
Strong easterly wind saw but very few
whales at noon finished hauling & commenced
hocking at four P.M. finished.

Thursday August 27
At daylight took our anchor and steamed
over to Selas Richard Bluff saw no whales
and ran back to the next spot & came
to anchor saw but few whales.

Friday August 28
Strong easterly winds commenced hauling
in the morning at noon sent tug boat
no catch for whales steamed down & lit of
oil.

Saturday August 29
Strong northerly wind saw quite a number
of whales going out of the bay but did
not get on at sunset finished hauling.

Sunday August 30
Commenced with strong northerly wind and rain
and ended with a calm steamed down & lit
of oil three boats off to look for whales.

Private Journal of Benson Hough

Monday August 31 1837

Bill Russell was struck and got
chase to the harbor boat took him
along side and cut him in



Tuesday September 1

Slight variable winds. no whales

Wednesday Sept 2

Calm most of the day saw no whales
Stowed down 34. lbs of oil

Thursday Sept 3

Slight winds and calms at anchor
in Shewnar Bay saw no whales

Friday Sept 4

Madele at 8 winds at daylight
took our anchor and found the stork
broke and ran over and carried
an anchor at Alexstow. I got
another found the Mahelit at anchor first
and Calaris 1760 lbs

Saturday Sept 5

at steam W & gale at anchor at
Alexstow got an anchor stork


Charter of Bark Gond. Skiff of Star Haven

Sunday Sept 5
At anchor at Felixstow got seven
loads of wood and a raft of
water

Monday Sept 6
Strong N.W. wind at anchor at Felixstow
got two boat loads of wood

Tuesday Sept 8
Moderate Westerly wind, at daylight
took our anchor in company with
two other boats and beat up towards
Southwest bay

Wednesday Sept 9
Sailing between Bear Island and the
main in a calm Breeze. A new
mainsail mainsail foresail jib & fly jib

Thursday Sept 10

strong westerly wind, at daylight beat
off and ran down between Bear Island
and Felixstow saw whale struck and
killed to the waist boats all tar & oil
took him to the shore, at six o'clock
watering

Friday Sept 11
Strong westerly wind cruising between
Felixstow and the main saw a few
whale late in the afternoon
Spoke the Burnstable

Wm. Thomas of Benjamin Clough

Saturday Sept 19th 1857

Strong westerly wind in the morning
kept it and ran down to Eagle
found saw a ship from Mercury
bay; shot no whale.

Sunday Sept 20th

Commenced with moderate westerly wind
at noon calm at two P.M. the wind shifted
to the Eastward

Monday Sept 21st

Moderate westerly wind ran over to
rock point spoke the Bartholomew, Gannet
Kermadec whale, 800 lbs of oil
sold him a keg of tobacco for thirty dollars
I bought a gun and took an order on
Thomas Spencer of Honolulu



Sept 22nd



Slight variable wind sent the Bear
and Harbort on shore to look
for whale they found a flock of
small whale and got one to each
boat at sunset took them along
side spoke the Congress 1400 lbs

Wednesday Sept 23rd

Strong ENE wind S.W. and the
ship in the middle between them
daylight called all hands and cut
in our whale

Squally and rainy in the forenoon
in the afternoon clear weather

Stayed out

Winter of Bark General Hall of Fair Haven

Thursday September 17th

Strong S.W. wind sent two boats in shore to look for whales got one to each boat at sunset took the last one along side cut one in. I should think the two would make one hundred barrels.

Friday Sept 18th

At daylight called all hands and cut in our whale finished at ten o'clock in the forenoon. I took a ship and steamed towards the main land to look for more whales saw none scraped our bone and stowed it away.

Saturday Sept 19

Light wind and calm sent three boats in shore to look for whales but saw nothing. Spike boat Bark Jan^t West 500 lbs Mary Frezier 700 lbs.

Sunday Sept 20

Strong westerly gale under sheet sent steved down 55 lbs of oil at four o'clock in the afternoon started the byrnses

at dark the ship 84 miles from rocky point

Monday Sept 21

Commenced with strong westerly wind at ten o'clock in the forenoon let go the anchor and sent the boats in shore. Saw nothing. At 1 o'clock the anchor at dark. Arrived at Seaside Spike the China 500 lbs. season 1000 all together.

Private Journal of Benjamin Clogg

Tuesday Sept 22 1864

Light winds and calm. Employed at
oil boiling. Made the Ship's Cornmeal
flour about 600 this season 2450 altogether
200 of it sperm, also Ship's Butter
1400 altogether 600 the season

Wednesday Sept 23

Strong N & W winds ran into Peck's Bluff
and came to an anchor
Anchored boiling at noon

Thursday Sept 24

At anchor. Stoves down 90 lb
of oil

Friday Sept 25

Ship at anchor stoves down 60 lb
of oil

Saturday Sept 26

At anchor

Sunday Sept 27

Got 200 lb of water
And at about 10 AM & two shudders, etc.
to me. I went on shore and saw 11
500 Trout weighing about one pound each
& also long quarts of cranberries

Monday Sept 28

Took our anchor in the morning & go
to the westward to look for whaling
at dark ship at Cape Horn

Harbor of Barchinon, a small Port near

Tuesday Sept 29

Strong westerly wind in the morning
saw whale on the west shore ten miles
in the southeast of the striped bluffs
Struck a large cow whale to the
bow boat killed and both crew rest
at noon at one P.M. commenced cutting
at half past five finished

Wednesday Sept 30

Calm most of the day; saw no whales
scrapped our bone At three o'clock in the
afternoon started the tugboat
shot off the striped bluffs

Thursday October 1st

Commenced with light N.E. wind at
noon it howled to the W.N.W. and
blew strong for about four hours so
that I had to take in sail to a close
reef mainmast and shot close in to the
west shore at two P.M. I kept her close
and down towards rocky point

Friday October 2

Strong N.E. wind saw quite a number
of whales in shore but another ship bore
struck and all of the whales went off
towards looking

Saturday October 3

Moderate N.E. wind saw quite a number of
whales in shore and a few five or six miles
off shore could not get on
four sail in sight

Diary Journal of Benjamin Church Master

Sunday October 4th 1851

Commenced with moderate, S.W. wind but increases into a heavy gale. I started to a visit to Fox Island but it blew so strong that I was obliged to run to Elbow Island for a lee, & let go the anchor at dark in company with the Coroner. Ends blowing very heavy.

Monday October 5th

Commenced with strong S.W. wind. Dug out our anchor last night and I was obliged to give her all of both chains and sent down the circumflexed anchor and the top gallant mast in the morning the wind moderated and I got under weigh and stood over to the north side. Ends with a fresh westerly wind.

Tuesday October 6th

Light westerly wind and the boats on shore they saw a few whales but could not get on. At dark the wind came around to the Northward.

Wednesday October 7th

Strong westerly wind. Steered by the wind to the S.W. along the land until daylight when I kept her S. by E. & S. & steamed down 44 lbs of oil.

Set B 5 25 Ten, B 3 30 East

1. Bark General Scott a Fair Hope

Thursday October 8
Moderate to brisk winds steering S by E with
topsails at four in the afternoon stowed up
the main top gallant yard
Showed clean 50 lb of oil

Friday October 9
Fresh Westerly winds steering S by E with
main top gallant sail cut
Lat 54 50 Long 145 45

Saturday October 10
Fresh to moderate winds steering S by E with
main top gallant sail cut
Lat 53 50 Long 145 45

Sunday October 11
Fresh to moderate winds steering S by E with
main top gallant sail cut
Lat 52 45 Long 146 00

Monday October 12
Fresh to moderate winds steering S by E with
main top gallant sail cut at dawn took in the
sails and courses and came too with the
main top gallant sail cut
westward of the fifth passage by my reckoning
Lat 50 19 Long 153 40 Court

Tuesday October 13
Fresh to moderate winds and later fresh strong
winds at six o'clock the morning watch sent
a boat to the shore to get some provisions
The boat went out at about 10 o'clock
and returned at 11 o'clock with provisions
The passage at four fell through into the bay

Diary Journal of Benjamin H. May

Wednesday October 14th 1847

At 10 o'clock wind steering E by S with
the weather calm at 12 at noon got
out a new board & some rigging out
and set her & removed it to new main
topgallant braces - then set on with the
on course

Lat 49:10 North Long 16:10 East

Thursday October 15th

Commenced with light westerly winds steering
E half S made fast calm. Drove with
strong winds from the E. S. E. with an
appearance of a gale, succeeding by the
wind to the Southeast

Saw one sail to the westward

Lat 48:35 Long 16:1 37

Friday October 15

Strong winds from the E. S. E.
shot under shot sail
which weather.

Saturday October 17

Commenced with strong westerly wind
steering E by S from the E. S. E. at noon
the wind hauled to the S. E. & at
four PM to the Westward
Course East

Sunday October 18

At 10 o'clock wind steering E with
sail out at dark went south
Lat 48:14 Long 16:1
at day sailing

Part of South Street, 10th of New York

Monday October 18th 1841
Strong westerly wind, steering East with
all sail out
Lat 47:45 N Long 171 15 East

Tuesday October 19th
Strong westerly wind, steering East with
all sail out
Lat 46:55 N Long 173:15 East

Wednesday October 20th
Strong N.E. wind, steering E. by S. with
the main, royal, topmast & lower studding sails
out. The watch employed at knitting yarn
for making spinnings
Lat 45:45 N Long 179 00 East

Thursday October 21st
Strong N.E. wind, steering E. by S.
with the main, royal out
the watch employed at knitting yarn
Lat 44:05 N Long 177:20 West

Friday October 22nd
Steering E. by S. with all sail out
at falling the fore topmast & topmast
Lat 44 44 Long 179:58 West

Saturday October 23rd
Steering E. by S. with all sail out
at falling the fore topmast & topmast
Lat 44 44 Long 179:58 West

Wednesday November 25
Strong S.W. breeze steering S.W. by S
with all sail out
Lat 13° 55' N Long 163° 00'

Thursday November 26
Strong S.W. breeze steering S.W. by S
with all sail out
Lat 13° 55' N Long 163° 00'

Friday November 27
Strong S.W. breeze steering S.W. with all
sail out
Lat 14° 25' N Long 163° 00' W

Saturday November 28
Strong S.W. breeze steering S.W. with
all sail out; the vessel employed at
fishing, &c.
Lat 14° 55' N Long 163° 30'

Sunday November 29
Strong S.W. breeze steering S.W. with all
sail out
Lat 15° 00' N Long 163° 00'

Monday November 30
Strong S.W. breeze steering S.W. with
all sail out employed at fishing, &c.
see October
Lat 15° 40' N Long 163° 00'

Ark General south of St. Louis

Wednesday December 1st 1837

Strong W. wind steering S.W. by W.
with all sail out. At 10⁰⁰ cut in
to the South and by 11⁰⁰ am, under
half of late timber, found a timber
hole under creek; where the water runs
in creek. It made the hole larger
and put on buoy.

Left 8:30 AM Day

Wednesday December 2nd

Strong winds from the S. S. E. to S. W.
steering S.W. by W. with all sail out
frequent signals of rain.

Left 7:40 AM Day 17704 N. 2

Thursday December 3rd

Moderate Easterly winds steering S.W. by W.
with all sail out at dark the wind shifted
to the S. E.

Left 6:30 AM Day 17730 N. 21

Friday December 4th

Light winds from S. E. to East steering
S.W. by W. with all sail out

Left 5:00 Day 17730 East

Saturday December 5th

Moderate winds from the Eastward
steering S.W. by W. with all sail out

Left 5:17 AM Day 17830 East

Diary of the Whaler "Herald" at St. Lawrence, N.Y.

Sunday December 6
Light wind from North S. E. steering
N. E. at daylight kept her
N. E. 1/2 E.
Went out with a crew

Monday December 7
Light Easterly wind steering S. S. E. with
all sail out nothing in sight
Lat 41° 15' N Long 174° 30' East

Tuesday December 8
Light wind from the Eastward steering
N. E. 1/2 E. with all sail out, & employed
at hauler, the Starboard boat at work
in the Chugby &c
Lat 41° 15' N Long 173° 15' East

Wednesday December 9
Very light Easterly wind steering
N. E. 1/2 E. with all sail out
Went a new Yankee and about an
hour gett came sent an old one
Lat 41° 12' N Long 172° 20' East

Thursday December 10
Light wind from the Eastward steering
N. E. 1/2 E. with all sail out hauler the
new vessel and sent the old one
repaired the old mizenmast & Gaff topsail
Lat 41° 44' N Long 170° 40' East

Saturday, December 14

Saw four Sharks

Lat 2:22 N Long 162:54 East

Friday December 18
Left at 10:00 AM and sailed
at 11:00 AM. The wind was light
and the sea was smooth. We
saw some seals in the night.

Lat 2:32 N Long 162:00 East

Saturday December 19

Left at 10:00 AM and sailed
at 11:00 AM. The wind was light
and the sea was smooth.

Lat 2:28 N Long 162:40 East

Sunday December 20
Left at 10:00 AM and sailed
at 11:00 AM. The wind was light
and the sea was smooth. We
saw some seals in the night.
In the morning we stopped the Scupper and
saw some seals in the water. We
saw some seals in the water.

Monday December 21

Left at 10:00 AM and sailed
at 11:00 AM. The wind was light
and the sea was smooth.

Tuesday December 22

Left at 10:00 AM and sailed
at 11:00 AM. The wind was light
and the sea was smooth. We
saw some seals in the night.
In the morning we stopped the Scupper and
saw some seals in the water. We
saw some seals in the water.

Wednesday December 24
A very cold day with a heavy
snowfall. The wind was from the
northwest and the snow fell
in small hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.

Thursday December 25

A very cold day with a heavy
snowfall. The wind was from the
northwest and the snow fell
in small hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.
The wind was from the north
and the snow fell in small
hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.
The wind was from the north
and the snow fell in small
hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.

Friday December 26

A very cold day with a heavy
snowfall. The wind was from the
northwest and the snow fell
in small hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.
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and the snow fell in small
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the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.
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and the snow fell in small
hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.

Saturday December 27

A very cold day with a heavy
snowfall. The wind was from the
northwest and the snow fell
in small hoarings about the middle of
the day. The temperature was
about 10 degrees below zero.
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and the snow fell in small
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and the snow fell in small
hoarings about the middle of
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Sunday December 28

A very cold day with a heavy
snowfall. The wind was from the
northwest and the snow fell
in small hoarings about the middle of
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about 10 degrees below zero.
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Tuesday December 29th
Head wind from the Westward strong,
by the current to the North. frequent
foggy & wind gusty.
Lat 2:45 South Long 154 20

Wednesday December 30th
Strong Westward wind stirring by the
current to the N. W. until midnight
when it veered to the S. S. W.
Lat 2:10 S Long 155 03

Thursday December 31st
Moderate wind from the Westward
stirring by the current to the N. W. until
midnight when it veered to the S. S. W.
at four P.M. saw the Great Goodman Island
& Pege's and reef
Lat 2:31 Long 157:38

Wednesday, Jan 1st, 1888

Friday, January 2, 1888

In the night a small boat came from the west
of the island, the pilot of the boat being
the captain of the vessel. The boat was
small and the pilot was a man of color. The boat
was from the island of St. John's and was
bound for the island of St. John's.

Lat 9:11 S Long 154:00 E

Saturday, January 3

Light wind from the west and morning
to ship to the west as the wind freshens
at dusk. Census Island bearing N. by E.
ten miles distant

Lat 9:30 S Long 153:35 East

Sunday, January 4

Very light N.E. wind, clearing light
for the morning of a mist. Stopped at
dusk it bore west of Census bore
S.E. New Orleans in sight to the
Southward

Lat 9:10 S Long 153 00 East

Monday, January 4th

First part calm later part light
winds from the West with a strong
current setting to the west
at dusk the South west end of the
Island of San Bernardino bearing west
five miles. Saw large quantities of very
thick skum on the water. Saw nothing
like it last season

Lat 9

Long

Private Journal of Benjamin Clegg

Tuesday January 5th 1855
Light westerly winds with N.E. current
employed at hauling wh from Great
Pinn to San Benito at dark
San Benito bearing N.E. 1/2 W. five
miles. One canoe came off from
New Ireland with six coconuts
Set 9:10 dark Song

Wednesday January 6th
Strong winds from the N.E. & W working
up between Fisher Islands and New
Ireland at four P.M. I could
see the land where we got our oil
last season

Thursday January 7th
Fresh S.W. winds with rain, beating
up along the coast of New Ireland
quite a number of canoes came off
with Taro & coconuts to sell for
Iron Hoops. Weather overcast
Set 2 30 Set 151 50

Friday January 8th
Moderate winds from the N.E. & W. weather
overcast Ship on the same ground where
we saw our whale last season
quite a number of canoes came off
to trade. Nothing in sight

Master of South coast boat at this time

Saturday January 9

~~Light~~ Light westerly winds
at day-light saw sperm whale about
ten miles above the bay and ten miles
from New Ireland Struck and to
the starboard boat killed, to the north
boat the whale did not bring too but
went off breaching to the surface
at nine at ten took the whale to the ship

Lat 2:40 S

Sunday January 10

Light S.W. winds, clearing off the
coast saw nothing; Boated out over
whale; quite a number of combers
came off from the south part of the bay
to get harbor for Iron Hook

Lat 2:47 S

Monday January 11

Light Southerly winds, clearing off
New Ireland saw nothing

Lat 2:35

Tuesday January 12

Very light variable winds clearing off
New Ireland nothing in sight

Lat 2:40

Wednesday January 13

Light Easterly winds with strong N.W.
current in the afternoon we had a report
from the Westward and I ran to the
ship to get on for any old goods
in sight. Found all

Lat 2:40

at South Island - 1844 at the time

Monday January 19

Very early morning - a fine day
with a light breeze from the north
and a few clouds in the sky. The
temperature is about 60 degrees
Fahrenheit.

Tuesday January 20

Very early morning - a fine day
with a light breeze from the north
and a few clouds in the sky. The
temperature is about 60 degrees
Fahrenheit.

Wednesday January 21

Very early morning - a fine day
with a light breeze from the north
and a few clouds in the sky. The
temperature is about 60 degrees
Fahrenheit.

Thursday January 22

Very early morning - a fine day
with a light breeze from the north
and a few clouds in the sky. The
temperature is about 60 degrees
Fahrenheit.

Friday January 23

Very early morning - a fine day
with a light breeze from the north
and a few clouds in the sky. The
temperature is about 60 degrees
Fahrenheit.

Monday January 24 1883
Light westerly wind, some fog, smooth
sea, and took a boat about the
day but no catching

Tuesday January 25
Moderate westerly wind, some
rain in the morning & light
and some down the coast
the S & C at noon the which they
between Hobson Island & Cape
Hobson saw 3 sperm whales
and got one to each boat and
a few other but no big whales
We'd look our whale to the north
cut two of them in

Set 2 56 South Long Long 152:00

Wednesday January 26
Heavy rain, some wind, the sea
rough, and some rain, the
light wind, the S & C at noon
between Garret Island & Cape
Hobson saw 1 sperm whale
and got one to each boat and
a few other but no big whales
We'd look our whale to the north
cut two of them in

Thursday January 27
Strong westerly wind, carrying a
sail as possible and left at
at 4 P M Garret Island, leaving
two miles
S & C current
in play at all times

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February 5

1847. February 10

Amherst February 8

Saturday Feb 14
at noon with some squalls
to portward at noon I left her
to the seaward to sail
towards the Hebrides.
Dunstaffnage is now seen
I Garret Dornier to the S. E. side

Sunday Feb 15
will wind from the seaward with
some squalls to portward
it is about an equal distance
from S. St. John's Island, Orkney
but the ship is to the S. E. of
the Hebrides & the seaward
but it is very incertain
the ship is still down
to S. E. very low

Monday Feb 15
Breeze light from the
S. E. & the ship is
to the S. E. of the
Hebrides & the seaward
but it is very incertain
the ship is still down
to S. E. very low

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Lat 50° 15' N Long 15° 15' W

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Lat 61° 15' N Long 15° 15' W

Wednesday Feb 24
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Lat 65° 00' N Long 15° 15' W East

Thursday Feb 25
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Lat 65° 00' N Long 15° 15' W

Friday Feb 20 1858

Light variable wind and evening
breeze of rain.

Set 165 S. Long 158 20 East

Saturday Feb 21

Strong light variable wind & rain
working to the East along the shore of
Lake.

Set 1:20 S Long 158:50 East

Sunday Feb 22

Light variable wind & rain
working to the East along the shore of
Lake.

Monday March 1

Light variable wind blowing along the
shore to the Eastward fifteen corners
were taken from the East point of
Lake about 1000. James D. Rogers
was present in the boat. The
scenery was so beautiful
by nature of the light of the lake
and very dark colored.

Set 1:50 Long 159 30

Tuesday March 2

Light variable wind blowing along the
shore to the Eastward fifteen corners
were taken from the East point of
Lake.

James D. Rogers was present in the boat
and about 1000.

Wednesday March 3

role westerly winds steering East and

lunched at Capt. S. Smith's

air small frequent during

Lat 84° 0' S Long 151° 40' W

Thursday March 4

Very light wind from the North

lying to the South of dark Smith's Island

to the S. S. 100 twenty miles

Lat 72° 4' S Long 152° 08'

At 10 AM a small ice field was
seen to the South of the ship
and a light wind from the North

light wind from the North

aboard to the West; at about

10 AM saw sperm whales 7 or 8

about three miles off to the westward

of the ship but did not see

the sperm whales yet one of the

boats to the Southward lost sight

of the other so the boat lost

sight of the boat to the West

Lat 71° 15' S Long 152° 10'

Friday March 5

at 11:00 S. by 11:15
to the East
of the line of the land

Monday March 8
Strong winds from West
with S. by the wind. Sea quite rough

Tuesday
Same winds from the West. During the
day a new Iceberg
to the north.

At 11:15 S. by 16:30 East

Wednesday March 9
Same winds from the West. During the
day a new Iceberg
to the north.

At 17:20 S. by 15:00 East

Thursday March 11
Same winds from the West. During the
day a new Iceberg
to the north. At 18:00 S. by 15:00 East

Monday, April 24, 1868

1868

Went to the river and saw a large number of

birds, including many of the species

which I have been looking for.

They were all very tame and

approached very close to the boat.

One of the most interesting was a

large black bird, which I saw

feeding its young in a nest.

The nest was made of mud and

was situated in a hole in the

bank of the river.

The bird was very tame and

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very close to the boat.

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Sunday April 10
From West
at 11:30 AM

Monday April 11
From West
at 11:30 AM

Tuesday April 12
From West
at 11:30 AM

Wednesday April 13
From West
at 11:30 AM

Thursday April 14
From West
at 11:30 AM

Friday April 15
From West
at 11:30 AM

Saturday April 16
From West
at 11:30 AM

not clear with
Lat 42 55 S Lon 140 16

light breeze, wind steering
round to the Eastward with
cut Lat 43 15 S Long 144 00

Thursday April 29
Light Southeast, wind steering E
with all sail cut
Lat 42 30 Long 141 20

Friday April 30
Light wind from the S.W. to East & East
steering by S and South with all sail
cut with all sail early morning
Lat 43 45 Long 139 40

Saturday May 1
Light wind from the E.S.E. steering
by the wind to the Southeast until
even when the morning when
I shifted to the S.W.
Lat 44 45 S Long 137 30 1437

Sunday May 2

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at 5:20 S. Long 105.00 West

Friday May 11th

at 5:50 S. Long 104.00 West

Saturday May 12th

High wind from the N.E. & S. blowing
at 5:30 S. Long 104.00 West

High wind from the N.E. & S. blowing
at noon look in the M.D. and
at 9 P.M. put two reefs in the main
Sail & 1000 wind South
Lat 52:38 S. Long 104.00 West

Sunday May 13th

Lat 52:00 S. Long 104.00 West

Friday May 14 1840

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Left at 12:00 by the ship at seven o'clock
in the morning the wind started once
we went ahead to the ship the same
men started steering by the wind to
the ship

At 5:30 S. Long 53:30 Lat 20

Saturday May 15

Left at 12:00 by the ship at seven o'clock
in the morning the wind started once
we went ahead to the ship the same
men started steering by the wind to
the ship

Sunday May 16

Left at 12:00 by the ship at seven o'clock
in the morning the wind started once
we went ahead to the ship the same
men started steering by the wind to
the ship

Monday May 17

Commenced with fresh winds from the
West steering at 12:00 by compass in the
morning with it then in time we put the
ship under two reefed topsails at seven
o'clock in the morning ship under close reefed
topsails at 12:00 by the ship at seven o'clock
in the morning the wind started once
we went ahead to the ship the same
men started steering by the wind to
the ship

At 5:30 S. Long 53:30 Lat 20

either steering 1° by
employed at weighing

Set 39° 30' 15" long 45° 31'

Wednesday June 8

light wind, green, the ship

Set 39° 30' 15" long 45° 31'

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Thursday June 9

light wind, steering 1° by

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July 1st Sunday 18th June
about 10 starting 11 1/2 12 1/2 miles
in front of 2 two reefs 1 1/2 miles

Saturday June 6th
Heavy, heavy gales from the S.W. starting
at 10 before the wind under a few
sails, moderate at 11 then it was
with more moderate set the close reef of
the 1st & 2nd mainmast.
Sat 11 1/2 12 1/2 13 1/2 14 1/2 15 1/2 16 1/2 17 1/2 18 1/2 19 1/2 20 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2 23 1/2 24 1/2 25 1/2 26 1/2 27 1/2 28 1/2 29 1/2 30 1/2 31 1/2

Sunday June 7th
The 1st 1/2 2nd 1/2 3rd 1/2 4th 1/2 5th 1/2 6th 1/2 7th 1/2 8th 1/2 9th 1/2 10th 1/2 11th 1/2 12th 1/2 13th 1/2 14th 1/2 15th 1/2 16th 1/2 17th 1/2 18th 1/2 19th 1/2 20th 1/2 21st 1/2 22nd 1/2 23rd 1/2 24th 1/2 25th 1/2 26th 1/2 27th 1/2 28th 1/2 29th 1/2 30th 1/2 31st 1/2

Sunday June 8th
A good wind with the wind at 10 but
becoming gradually to the Eastward at 11
about 12th 1/2 13th 1/2 14th 1/2 15th 1/2 16th 1/2 17th 1/2 18th 1/2 19th 1/2 20th 1/2 21st 1/2 22nd 1/2 23rd 1/2 24th 1/2 25th 1/2 26th 1/2 27th 1/2 28th 1/2 29th 1/2 30th 1/2 31st 1/2

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Wednesday June 9th 1851

Commenced with strong gale from the S.E. steering N.E. with the vessel, before 8 o'clock in the course of the day the wind died away and a moderate gale at dark ship was covered from view, only one or two masts were visible with the mainmast at the end of the day.

Thursday June 10th

Strong wind from the S.E. steering N.E. but at 4 o'clock with all sails set strong breeze from the S.E. and one sail

Lat 44:41. S' Long 40 25 W. at

Friday June 11

Strong breeze from the S.E. steering N.E. but at 4 o'clock with all sails set strong breeze from the S.E. and one sail

Lat 44:10 S' Long 39 40 W.

Saturday June 12

Strong breeze from the S.E. steering N.E. but at 4 o'clock with all sails set strong breeze from the S.E. and one sail

Lat 44:10 S' Long 39 40 W.

Sunday June 13

Strong breeze from the S.E. steering N.E. but at 4 o'clock with all sails set strong breeze from the S.E. and one sail

Sight wind from the S.W. to S.E. with all
sail out

Sat 19:30 S Log 38 21 11 7

Sunday June 14

Sight wind from the S.W. until daylight
when it shifted to the S.E. steering 108

up the Strait, all sail out & Rullin
& Morgan rigging

11:47 Log 39 43 by Sines 95:02

Tuesday June 15 39 43

Sight wind from the S.W. to East
turning by the wind & S.E. by E & coast
very fine weather

Sat 15:59 S Log 39 43

Wednesday June 16

Sight wind from E. to E.S.E. steering S.E. by E
by the wind with all sail out

in twelve sails steering to the southeast

by the wind at setting the rigging

11:47 S Log by Sines 36:00

Thursday June 17

Sight wind from the S.W. to S.E. steering 108

up the Strait, all sail out & Rullin
steering to the southeast, Employed in

raising the rigging

Sat 19:34 S Log 35:55 East

Friday June 18th 1838

At 11:45, S. Long 35.49 Lat 12

Saturday June 19

At 11:15, S. Long 35.46 Lat 12

Sunday June 20

At 9:15, S. Long 34.54 Lat 12

Monday June 21

At 9:15, S. Long 34.54 Lat 12

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Property of Benjamin Clough	
Aprs Invoice of Bark Gen Scott	8:000
Bonds on board do	1:000
One sixteenths of Ship South Boston	2:000
Ballance of account on the last voyage of Ship South Boston	1:000
Two Shares of Androscoogus & Penobscot R.R.	0:200
4 Shares in Marine Sealing	0:400
1 Note of J & M Clough	1:000
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House Rent & Improvements	0:700
In Savings Bank	8:00
At Home	2:00
	<u>17:400</u>

Capt Hale of Ship Ocean Queen at Sydney A. S. M.
from New York reports Lat 44 S Long 51.13 E
weather very thick and blowing hard from the
NE passed very near a rock fifteen or twenty
feet above water and apparently three hundred
feet long saw large quantities of Kelp and
numerous birds in its vicinity the rock
is not known to be laid down on any
Chart New Bedford Shipping List

April 19 1855 Leaving at Port Royal Basin
Gloucester found the Ship 69 miles to the East of
the Scho which is 4:34 and we are 28 days
out which gives us a daily gain of One second
& 2 tenths $1\frac{2}{10}$ and she was 46 seconds slow when
we left home which leaves her to day April 19
 $\frac{4:34}{3:48}$ Gains 48 seconds fast and gaining $1\frac{2}{10}$
thru second
9:48 Sattfoot
Gaining daily 1 second to tenths

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